Early Childhood Education CTS

Certificate of Technical Studies Degree

Program Director: Deb Huestis

This program is offered in person; however, some of the course work may be available in online or hybrid format- discuss options with your advisor.

This program is designed to prepare students with the skills needed to be successful working with young children in infant/toddler and early childhood care educational settings.

This stackable credential may lead students directly into the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

For more information on other degrees offered for Early Childhood Education, visit the catalog pages for the Early Childhood Education CAS (http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/early-childhood-education-cas/) and Early Childhood Education AAS (http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/academic-programs/early-childhood-education-aas/).

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

- Know and understand young children's characteristics and needs.
- Know and understand the multiple influences on development and learning.
- Know and understand the importance, central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines.
- Identify and involve themselves with the early childhood field.
- Know about and uphold ethical standards and other professional guidelines.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

Tuition and Fees	$2,014
Lab/Course Fees	$35
Books/Supplies	$462
Total	$2,511

* **Fall 2024 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html) and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates.**

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
First Year			
Fall			
ECP 100	First Aid and CPR +	1	_____
EDEC 108	Introduction to Early Childhood Education +	3	_____
EDEC 130	Health, Safety & Nutrition in Early Childhood +	4	_____
EDEC 249	Infant/Toddler Development and Group Care +	4	_____
EDEC 251	Montana Preschool Teacher Education +	4	_____
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**16**	

\+ A grade of C- or above is required for graduation.
* Indicates prerequisites needed.
** Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.