

Early Childhood Education

Program Mission

The mission of the GBC Early Childhood Program is to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively and professionally with young children, their families, and their communities.

Successful completion of the Early Childhood Education Certificate and degrees are designed to qualify students for such employment opportunities as paraprofessionals, teachers, and/or directors in child care centers, pre-schools, and home-based programs.

Student Learning Outcomes

- **Human Growth and Development**
Recognize individual variations and potential special needs of developing children and the many factors that can influence their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth.
- **Positive Interaction and Guidance**
Apply positive guidance techniques in accordance to children's ages and developmental levels.
- **Observation and Assessment**
Recognize the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment in early childhood environments through the implementation of systematic observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment strategies.
- **Environment and Curriculum**
Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum supported by the Nevada Preschool Standards and utilize strategies that are characteristic of high quality classroom environments.
- **Family and Community Relationships**
Examine strategies for building respectful, reciprocal relationships with families by implementing culturally sensitive practices and policies.
- **Leadership and Professional Development**
Explore and practice principles of effective leadership and advocacy in early childhood education, and seek employment in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Education

Certificate of Achievement – Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Emphasis

General Education Requirements		Credits
INT 100	GBC Orientation.....	0.5
	English/Communications.....	3
	ENG 100 or 101	
	Computation — Any course with a MATH prefix	3
	Human Relations — ECE 190 (required).....	3
	Technology — EDU 214 (required).....	3

Program Requirements		Credits
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child.....	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance.....	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab (Field Experience)	6
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education.....	3
ECE 262	Early Language and Literacy Development	3

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE Certificate of Achievement— Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Emphasis

FALL—1st Semester		Credits
INT 100		0.5
ECE 204		3
ECE 250		3
ENG 100 or 101		3
EDU 214		3
MATH		3
TOTAL		15.5

SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
ECE 190		3
ECE 200		3
ECE 251		3
ECE 231		6
ECE 262		3
TOTAL		18

Refer to page 85. Minimum Credits: 33.5