

Early Childhood Education Courses

ECE 266 - Learning Environments

Hours: 3

This course focuses on the physical and affective learning environments with an emphasis on Social Studies. Students will design a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment that builds on children's assets and fosters pro-social behaviors.

ECE 313 - Child Growth and Development

Hours: 3

This course focuses on child development as a multifaceted process of growth and change. Students will examine interrelating factors across developmental domains to evaluate developmentally appropriate practices.

ECE 320 - Assessments & Lesson Planning in Early Childhood

Hours: 3

This course explores the multiple purposes and types of assessment in early childhood, while connecting to the lesson planning. Students will evaluate and analyze assessment data as a tool to support teaching, learning, and planning. Prerequisites: "ECE 1311 Min Grade C or ECE 364 Min Grade C" and "ECE 266 Min Grade C or ECE 366 Min Grade C" and Requires admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

ECE 321 - Creative Arts for Early Childhood

Hours: 3

This course focuses on creativity and the fine arts in a positive learning environment. Students will design a playful learning experience that integrates the fine arts to promote creativity and social-emotional development. Prerequisites: "ECE 1311 Min Grade C or ECE 364 Min Grade C" and "ECE 266 Min Grade C or ECE 366 Min Grade C" and Requires admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

ECE 322 - Family and Community Connections in Early Childhood

Hours: 3

This course focuses on the dynamic influences of family and community in early childhood education. Students will plan a learning experience that connects family, community, and school to promote optimal child outcomes. Prerequisites: Requires admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

ECE 358 - Language and Literacy in Early Childhood

Hours: 3

This course focuses on language and literacy development emphasizing the interconnected nature of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will plan a language and literacy learning experience that incorporates developmentally appropriate practices. Prerequisites: Requires admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

ECE 364 - Educating Young Children

Hours: 3

This course focuses on theories and practices that influence whole-child development. Students will evaluate developmentally appropriate practices in a variety of learning environments.

ECE 366 - Learning Environments

Hours: 3

This course focuses on the physical and affective learning environments with an emphasis on Social Studies. Students will design a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment that builds on children's assets and fosters pro-social behaviors.

ECE 460 - STEM in Early Childhood

Hours: 3

This course examines early childhood pedagogy with a focus on science, technology, and math. Students will plan an authentic learning experience that integrates content areas and promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Prerequisites: Requires admission to the Educator Preparation Program.

ECE 489 - Independent Study

Hours: 1-4

ECE 490 - H Thesis

Hours: 3

Individualized instruction/research at an advanced level in a specialized content area under the direction of a faculty member.

ECE 491 - Honors Reading

Hours: 3

As specified by Honors or department head.