

Early Childhood Education - Diploma

West Burlington Campus, and select courses available at the Keokuk Campus

The [Early Childhood Education](#) program is designed to prepare students to secure one of the many careers available in early childhood education. Graduates of the program may work with children from birth to eight years of age in a variety of settings such as child care centers, preschools, child development homes, or public and private schools. Students may elect to complete either the Educator Licensure/Transfer Pathway or the Child Care Management Pathway of the Early Childhood Education AAS. Students who intend to teach in a Pre-K through third-grade setting will need to transfer to a teacher licensure institution. In addition, this program addresses the competencies and functional areas necessary for students to begin the assessment and testing process for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. See http://www.cdacouncil.org/storage/documents/TransitionGuide_1-3-13.pdf for additional CDA Credential requirements by the Council.

*Diploma can be earned one time.

For specific information regarding program rules and expectations, please view the [Early Childhood Education & Teacher Education Programs Handbook](#).

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Program Requirements

Fall Semester I		Credit
ECE-103	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDU-212	Educational Foundations	3
EDU-920	Field Experience	2
SDV-108	The College Experience	1
ECE-133	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ENG-105	Composition I	3
Take WBL-103 as 1 credit:		
WBL-103	Exploring Careers: Human Services	1-3
Semester Total.....		16

Spring Semester I		Credit
ECE-158	Early Childhood Curriculum I	3
ECE-170	Child Growth and Development	3
EDU-245	Exceptional Learner	3
Take ECE-221 or (ART-133 and MUS-100) totaling 3 - 6 credits:		
ECE-221	Infant/Toddler Care and Education	3
ART-133	Drawing	3
MUS-100	Music Appreciation	3
Take 1 of 2 courses:		
MAT-117	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
BIO-151	Nutrition	3
Semester Total.....		15-18
Program Total.....		31-34