

Early Childhood Teaching Assistant

Certificate

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Length: Three semesters
(one year beginning in summer term)

Purpose: The increased need for childcare in Southwest Virginia is an indicator of the need for more teachers and caregivers at the pre-school level. The Early Childhood Teaching Assistant program is designed to train personnel for employment in the field upon completion of the course requirements. In addition, the curriculum furnishes the student the opportunity to elect to transfer into the AAS Early Childhood Education degree program if she/he so wishes.

Occupational Objectives:

Teacher's Aide, Child Care Assistant, Day Care worker

Admission Requirements: A student eligible for admission to the College can normally be considered for admission to the Human Services - Early Childhood Teaching Assistant curriculum. Proficiency in high school English and mathematics is required. Students who are not proficient in English and mathematics will be required to correct their deficiencies in developmental courses.

Criminal background or DSS record check may prevent you from participating in a Coordinated Internship, Experiential Learning project, or from obtaining employment in this field.

Program Requirements: The one year curriculum provides training in child psychology, child care and child education in addition to general education classes. Students who are not proficient in English and mathematics will be required to correct their deficiencies in developmental courses. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the student will be awarded a Certificate in Early Childhood Teaching Assistant.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
Summer Session				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
ENG 112 or CST 100	College Composition II or Principles of Public Speaking	3	0	3
Total		6	0	6
First Semester (Fall)				
CHD 120	Intro. to Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3	0	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning	3	0	3
PSY 235	Child Psychology	3	0	3
SDV 101	Orientation to College Success	1	0	1
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology	3	0	3
Total		16	0	16
Second Semester (Spring)				
CHD 118	Language Arts for Children	3	0	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	2	2	3
PBS	Interviewing PBS 266 or Leadership PBS 265	3	0	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3	0	3
SOC 215	Sociology of the Family	3	0	3
Total		14	2	15
Total Minimum Credits Required for Certificate				37