

EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANT

Certificate Program | Department of Education and Academic Literacy

Program Description

This certificate program responds to the current need for trained practitioners in infant through early childhood learning centers due to the increased demand for childcare among a growing number of families. It provides the educational foundation for a person who seeks to become a home childcare provider. Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Care Assistant Certificate Program, students will be able to continue their studies in Bronx Community College's Education Associate AAS Degree Program, and all of the certificate course credits will be accepted for this AAS degree.

This program also prepares students to qualify for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential offered by the Council for Professional Recognition. Additional requirements must be met to obtain the CDA. For more information, students should contact the BCC Career Path Program at 718-289-5691.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Assistant program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of theory in early childhood/childhood and adolescent development.
2. Apply observational skills to assess early childhood, childhood development.
3. Communicate effectively through oral, written, and/or technological means to support teaching and effective partnerships with families and school communities.
4. Identify environments that support a safe, healthy learning environment for all children.
5. Apply developmentally appropriate pedagogical techniques and classroom management strategies to meet the needs of all learners in any of the following: reading, writing, technology, meeting the needs of exceptional learners, English Language Learners, bilingual learners, and/or creative experiences in early childhood/childhood learning environments.

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30 Credits required for Certificate

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Tonya Johnson

Semester I

- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- ENG 110 English Composition I: Fundamentals of Writing and Rhetoric *OR* ENG 111 English Composition I: Writing and Rhetoric (3 Credits)
- HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- EDU 10 Child Study - Birth to Grade 6 (3 Credits)
- EDU 24 Pre-school Seminar I (3 Credits)
- Free Elective (1 Credit)

TOTAL 15

Semester II

- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3 Credits)
- PSY 41 Psychology of Infancy and Childhood (3 Credits)
- EDU 25 Pre-school Seminar II (3 Credits)
- EDU 30 Introduction to Special Needs, Schools and Society (3 Credits)
- EDU 40 Field Work Seminar (3 Credits)

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