

# Early Childhood Education



## Why Early Childhood Education?

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program is designed to prepare you to work with children from birth through age 8 years in a variety of professional settings including but not limited to child care, public schools, early intervention and Head Start. Graduates meet the New Hampshire Child Care Licensing (NHCCCL) requirements for a lead teacher and center director and are eligible for many transfer opportunities including public school certification Pre-K through 3rd grade.

The Associate of Applied Science degree program provides a combination of theory and practical experience related to child development, curriculum design, social and emotional competencies, family supports, and health and safety training. Graduates have approximately 300 hours of supervised experience with children of at least two different age levels (infant/toddler, preschool or primary grade).

## Degree & Certificate Options

This program offers one Associate of Applied Science degree and four certificates. See list on back.

## Admissions Requirements

In addition to college-wide admission requirements, ECE applicants:

- Are required to meet with an Admissions Counselor.
- Must provide a copy of the health form required by the NH Child Development Bureau for childcare personnel indicating the individual is “recommended to work with young children” in order to participate in practicum experiences and to obtain a job in early childhood education.
- Must be free from criminal felony convictions and be able to complete a criminal records check through the NH Child Development Bureau, which includes fingerprinting, or provide a copy of an up-to-date Child Development Bureau background check in order to participate in practicums, observations, and to obtain employment in early childhood education. Students are responsible for the cost.
- Certificate and degree students must be available to complete day-time practicum hours.

## Potential Jobs

- Child Care Teacher
- Paraprofessional Teacher
- Childcare Worker
- Center Director
- Substitute Teacher
- Child Protective Services

## Potential Salary\*

There is a wide range of jobs in the education industry. See below for the average annual salary range in NH for a **Childcare Worker**.

ENTRY LEVEL	MID-RANGE	EXPERIENCED
\$26,824	\$32,762	\$39,583

\*Salary.com, 2024

## Acquired Skills

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Explain and demonstrate knowledge of the multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning, and demonstrate the ability to support the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children from birth to age twelve, including those with unique developmental or learning needs.
- Establish and maintain safe, healthy, supportive, inclusionary and culturally pluralistic learning environments for young children.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the goals, benefits and purposes of assessment and the ability to utilize a variety of assessment and evaluation strategies and tools, including technology, effectively and ethically to observe and document children's development and behavior in a positive and constructive manner, noting each child's strengths and interests as well as needs.
- Design, implement and evaluate a meaningful, challenging, and developmentally appropriate curriculum that demonstrates a wide array of teaching practices reflecting the spectrum of content areas as well as intentionally taking into consideration the individual needs, learning styles and interests of young children.

For more about the ECE program please go to:  
[mccnh.edu/programs/early-childhood-education](http://mccnh.edu/programs/early-childhood-education).

\*The Early Childhood A.A.S. Degree Program at Manchester Community College is nationally accredited by the Commission on Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The accreditation term runs from March 2024 through March 2031.



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# Degree & Certificate Requirements

## Early Childhood Education Degree

### Degree Program - First Year

First Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ENGL110XM or ENGL110M	College Composition I with Corequisite or College Composition I	4	0	4
FYE100M	MCC Essentials	1	0	1
ECE100M	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	0	3
ECE104M	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE116M	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

First Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
	English Elective	3	0	3
MATH145M or MATH145XM	Quantitative Reasoning or Quantitative Reasoning - Corequisite	4	0	4
ECE106M	ECE Curriculum: The Arts & Emergent Literacy	3	0	3
	Practicum Elective ( <i>ECE111M or ECE112M</i> )	2	2	3
	Foreign Language/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>

### Degree Program - Second Year

Second Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ECE200M	ECE Curriculum: Math, Science and Creative Thinking	3	0	3
ECE201M	Children's Individual and Special Needs	3	0	3
ECE202M	Student Teaching Practicum	1	9	4
ECE214M	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance and Discipline for Young Children	3	0	3
	Science Elective ( <i>Transfer students should select a 4 credit lab science</i> )	3	0	3/4
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16/17</b>

Second Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
PSYC110M	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
ECE204M	Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	3	0	3
ECE210M	Child, Family and Community Relations	3	0	3
ECE212M	Professional Development Practicum: ECE Capstone	1	9	4
ECE250M	Childcare Administration and Management	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits - 62/63</b>				

Public school elementary teachers are required to have a minimum of a bachelors degree.

## Entry-Level Early Childhood Certificate

		TH	LAB	CR
ECE100M	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	0	3
ECE104M	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE116M	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	0	3
ECE214M	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance and Discipline for Young Children	3	0	3
<b>Total Credits - 12</b>				

## Early Childhood Lead Teacher Certificate

		TH	LAB	CR
ECE100M	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	0	3
ECE104M	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE116M	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	0	3
ECE201M	Children's Individual and Special Needs	3	0	3
ECE214M	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance and Discipline	3	0	3
	ECE Elective - <i>choose one: ECE106M, ECE200M, ECE204M</i>	3	0	3
	Practicum Elective: ECE111M or ECE112M	3	2	3
<b>Total Credits - 21</b>				

## Advanced Early Childhood Certificate

ECE Core Requirements		TH	LAB	CR
ECE100M	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	0	3
ECE104M	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE116M	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	0	3
ECE201M	Children's Individual and Special Needs	3	0	3
ECE210M	Child, Family and Community Relations	3	0	3
ECE214M	Developmentally Appropriate Guidance and Discipline for Young Children	3	0	3
ECE250M*	Childcare Administration and Management	3	0	3
	Curriculum Elective ( <i>ECE106M, ECE200M or ECE204M</i> )	3	0	3
<b>Total Credits - 24</b>				

\*Required for Center Director Credential in New Hampshire.

## Early Childhood Special Education Certificate

Birth - Grade 3 Option		TH	LAB	CR
ECE100M	Early Childhood Growth and Development	3	0	3
ECE104M	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE112M	Preschool Practicum: Learning Environments	2	3	3
ECE201M	Individual and Special Needs	3	0	3
	Behavior Management Elective ( <i>ECE214M or TCHE215M</i> )	3	0	3
TCHE220M	Diverse and Inclusive Practices in Family, School and Community Partnerships	3	0	3
TCHE225M	Curriculum and Instruction for Diverse Learners	3	0	3
PSYC110M	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
<b>Total Credits - 24</b>				

### Learn More About Early Childhood Education at MCC!



For complete ECE admissions requirements, technical standards, acquired skills and program outcomes, use the QR code or go to our website: [mccnh.edu/programs/early-childhood-education](http://mccnh.edu/programs/early-childhood-education).

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