



Early Childhood Aide (ECA) Certificate 2018–2019

DESCRIPTION:

The Early Childhood Aide (ECA) Certificate is an 18-credit hour program for students who have a developmental disability. Students will take classes and participate in practicums that will teach them the skills needed to assist in Early Childhood Programs. Upon the successful completion of the program, students will be eligible for a position as an Early Childhood Aide at a local Head Start program or early child care agency.

Students with an intellectual disability who have been accepted into the Early Childhood Aide Certificate may qualify for additional services through our Comprehensive Model for Postsecondary Education and Transition Enrichment (COMPETE) Program. Students in the COMPETE program receive the opportunity to participate in non-credit groups that prepare them for career readiness. Groups encompass college success, workplace readiness, self-determination, and living skills. Students meet with the program advisor throughout the program to track academic, social, and career goals. For more information, see csc.edu/academics/departments/early-childhood-development.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Students must have a developmental disability/severe learning disability and demonstrate an interest in developing skills needed to assist others. Students must have a high school diploma or GED and receive three recommendations to participate from past/current teachers, work study/transition coordinators, employers, service coordinators, etc. Students must apply to Columbus State Community College, take the required placement test, complete and submit the ECA application packet, and submit their most recent IEP and ETR. Students must participate in an interview with the Program Advisor. Acceptance is based on completion of above requirements, available openings, and those applicants determined most likely to be successful by the admissions committee.

While course work is adapted to meet the needs of the students, in order to enroll in the certificate program students must have a proven ability to participate appropriately in a classroom and/or professional work setting.

ONGOING REQUIREMENTS:

Students in the certificate program must display professional behaviors. Students are encouraged to verify summer term financial aid.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES:

Career:

Students completing the ECAC certificate are qualified to work as classroom aides in a variety of early childhood education settings.

**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (EARLY CHILDHOOD AIDE CERTIFICATE):
FIRST SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
SAHS 1120 Service Delivery & Ethics in Human Services & Social Work	AU/SP	2	• Students must complete practicum application and other paperwork.
ECDE 2294 Recognition of Child Abuse, Communicable Diseases, and First Aid	SU	2	• Students earn a Red Cross certificate for each of these three areas.
Credit Hours		4	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
ECDE 1103 Guidance & Curriculum for the Early Childhood Aide	AU	2	
ECDE 1106 Language & Literacy Experiences for the Early Childhood	AU	1	
ECDE 2840 Early Childhood Practicum & Seminar I	AU	4	• Students participate in the first community based practicum.
Credit Hours		7	

THIRD SEMESTER

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
ECDE 1104 Social Emotional Development for the Early Childhood Aide	SP	2	
ECDE 2107 Media Resources	SP	1	
ECDE 2841 Early Childhood Practicum & Seminar II	SP	4	
Credit Hours		7	
Total		18	

*AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester
Requirements subject to change.*