

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

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Schedule an advising appointment with any of the IECE faculty by visiting SCC's website and selecting... Academics/Academic Advising/ Schedule an Advising Appointment

PROGRAM DETAILS

This program offers coursework that will develop or enhance a student's knowledge as an Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) instructor. Those who successfully complete an Associate in Applied Science degree in IECE can work as lead teacher in federally funded Head Start programs.

Degree graduates can also transfer to public or private universities and complete the IECE Certification program. Students with this certification can teach in public school, preschool, and kindergarten classes, or work as a Developmental Interventionist for the First Steps program in Kentucky.

Courses in the program offer insight into the theories of early childhood education and teach students the practical application of these theories. Students are taught developmentally appropriate practices and learn an understanding of the whole child. IECE graduates are qualified to open their own early childhood education program.

Most courses are available online—learn by term—with the remaining courses taught as hybrids. SCC's IECE faculty offer courses that challenge and build the student's skills.

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CAREERS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The field of IECE offers a growing number of career opportunities for graduates. In the past, early childhood education has not always been viewed as a "true" profession; however, this outdated thinking has changed. Research with children, including those with special needs, shows that youngsters receiving instruction in their formative years will be more successful in all areas of their education. They are more successful in elementary school, middle school and high school.

IECE graduates understand that they are working with students during the most important period of their development. As a result, early childhood education has a lifelong impact on children.

The IECE program at SCC is an exciting area of study and we welcome your interest.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Lead Teacher National Head Start Programs
- Assistant to Developmental Interventionist for First Steps Program
- Lead Teacher in Early Childhood Program/ Birth-5 years & Afterschool
- Owner and or/Director Early Childhood Program/ Birth-5 years & Afterschool
- Qualify to complete training as Level Three Trainer Kentucky Childcare Program through state of Kentucky



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REQUIRED COURSES

		Credit	*Online Courses	Grade
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (21-25 HOURS)				
ENG 101	Writing I	3	*	—
ENG 102	Writing II	3	*	—
COM 101	Basic Public Speaking OR	3		—
COM 252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communications	(3)	*	—
PSY 110	General Psychology	3	*	—
	Heritage/Humanities/Foreign Language	3-4	*	—
	Science	3	*	—
	Mathematics	3	*	—
CIT 105	Introduction to Computing or Digital Literacy	0-3	*	—
TECHNICAL COURSES REQUIRED (39 HOURS)				
IEC 101	Orientation to Early Childhood Education	3	*	—
IEC 102	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	*	—
IEC 120	Health, Safety & Nutrition OR	3		—
KHP 230	Human Health & Wellness OR	(3)	*	—
NFS 101	Human Nutrition & Wellness	(3)	*	—
IEC 130	Early Childhood Development	3	*	—
IEC 170	Observation & Assessment OR	3	Hybrid	—
IEC 190	Applied Experiences in ECE	(3)	Hybrid	—
IEC 180	Approaches to EC Curriculum	3	*	—
IEC 200	Child Guidance	3	*	—
IEC 216	Literacy & Language in IECE	3	*	—
IEC 221	Creative Expressions in IECE	3	Hy/On	—
IEC 246	Sciences and Mathematics for IECE	3	*	—
IEC 235	Introduction to Exclusive Education	3	*	—
IEC 210	Families and Communities OR	3	*	—
IEC 240	Administration of Early Childhood OR	(3)	*	—
IEC 250	School Age Children	(3)	*	—
IEC 260	Infant and Toddler Education and Programming	3	*	—
IEC 291	IECE Practicum/Cooperative Education	3	Hybrid	—

DEGREE/DIPLOMA/ CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

AAS	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education	63-67 Hours
Diploma	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education	48-51 Hours
Certificate	Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Technical	42 Hours
Certificate	Child Care Assistant	9 Hours
Certificate	Kentucky Child Care Provider	3 Hours
Certificate	Early Childhood Administrator	9-12 Hours
Certificate	School Age Childcare	15 Hours

Classes in IECE can become State Certificates

Early Childhood Programs that are working on STARS Ratings can utilize these certificates to increase your program's STAR level.

- Students Completing IEC 101 with a passing grade can apply for Commonwealth Credential.
- Students completing any three courses with a passing grade in IEC (except IEC190/291) can use the hours of study in order to complete the coursework required by the State of Kentucky for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate.
- Students with a current CDA can receive up to nine hours of credit toward a degree/certificate/diploma once the student has successfully completed an IEC course with a passing grade.
- Students completing IEC 101/102/240/230 with a passing grade can apply for the Director's Credential by contacting the IECE Coordinator.
- Students that currently work in an Early Childhood Program can use course work as training hours required by the Licensing and Regulations System that currently requires up to 15 hours of training each year.
- Students in IEC courses must complete the course with a C or better to receive credit for the course and to be a candidate for all of these certificates.
- Requirements can change for these programs, always verify information with advisor in IECE.

SEMESTER COURSE LISTING

Class	(Alternative)	Credit
SEMESTER ONE (18 HOURS)		
IEC 101	()	—
IEC 102	()	—
IEC 120 or IEC 230 or NFS 101	()	—
ENG 101	()	—
Digital Literacy	()	—
Science	()	—
SEMESTER TWO (18-22 HOURS)		
IEC 130	()	—
IEC 200	()	—
IEC 190 or IEC 170	()	—
ENG 102	()	—
PSY 110	()	—
Heritage/Humanities	()	—
SEMESTER THREE (15 HOURS)		
IEC 180	()	—
IEC 235	()	—
IEC 260	()	—
COM 101 or COM 252	()	—
Mathematics	()	—
SEMESTER FOUR (15 HOURS)		
IEC 221	()	—
IEC 216	()	—
IEC 246	()	—
IEC 240 or IEC 250 or IEC 210	()	—
IEC 291	()	—

TOTAL HOURS FOR PROGRAM — 63-67

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to completing SCC's Admissions Checklist, all students enrolled in IECE courses must submit the material below for the Observation File that is required by all KCTCS IECE Programs.

- A negative TB skin test:* Student must provide proof of negative TB skin test. Student can obtain this from any local health department, a family doctor, or provide a statement on doctor's letterhead with doctor's signature.
- On-line criminal background check using Verified Credentials, Inc.:* The fee for this is \$40 and Financial Aid may not be used to purchase the background check.
- Confidentiality Statement:* This must be signed, dated, and included in Blackboard shell of the IECE course.
- HIB statement:* This must be signed, dated, and included in Blackboard shell of the IECE course.

All the above information must be sent to the Program Coordinator by date set by IECE Faculty. Coordinator will keep the information on file and student will be notified as information needs updating.