Somerset Community College

Program Overview

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 In the past, early childhood education has not always been viewed as a "true" profession; however, this outdated thinking has changed.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

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (21-25 HOURS)		Credit	*Online Courses	Grade
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	*	_____
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	*	_____
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	_____
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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	(_____)	_____
Computer 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.

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