

EARLY CHILDHOOD (ECE)

ECE 310. Assessment of Young Children. (3 Credits)

Assessment of Young Children describes purposes and techniques of formal and informal assessment, including observation, analysis and reporting of results. The application of assessment data in planning developmentally appropriate activities for children will be discussed.
Prerequisites: ECE 201 and 250.

ECE 315. Learning through Creative Expression in Early Childhood Education. (2 Credits)

Use of the fine arts, including music, art, movement and dramatic play; as a central and integrating component of the curriculum for young children. Overview of the purposes of creative expression This course is intended for anyone who is pursuing an Early Childhood Education major or minor. In this course students will evaluate art curriculum and activities that are developmentally appropriate for young children. Use fine arts, including music, art, movement and dramatic play; as a central and integrating component of the curriculum for young children Students will have an understanding and working knowledge of State of Michigan and national curriculum standards as they relate to creative development of young children.
Prerequisites: ECE 201 and 250.

ECE 345. Emergent Literacy in Early Childhood Education. (2 Credits)

Research supported theories, philosophy and teaching strategies aimed at supporting the young child's emergent reading, writing, speaking and listening behaviors; selecting and using high-quality picture books.
Prerequisites: ECE 201 and 250.

ECE 370. Parent, Teacher, Community Partnerships. (3 Credits)

Research and strategies related to strengthening the school/family/community partnership, including communication, shared decision-making, identification of services, and parenting skills.
Prerequisites: ECE 201 and 250.

ECE 405. Early Childhood Program Administration. (2 Credits)

Introduces students to skills and understanding needed to provide effective leadership for child care centers and preschool programs, including budgeting and finances, health and safety issues, staff management, licensing processes, and ongoing program improvement.
Prerequisites: ECE 201, 250, 300, 320, 330 and 350.

ECE 450. Early Childhood Education Preschool Practicum. (2 Credits)

60 hours of full-time clinical experience in a licensed early childhood program.
Prerequisites: ECE 201, 250, 310, 315, 330 and 345.