

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education (ECPC – Early Childhood Professional Certificate for Florida) The latest brain research points out that the earliest years in a child's life forms the foundation for all other formal learning. Receive the training you need to make a difference in a young child's life. Instruction and learning activities are provided in a laboratory or on-the-job setting using hands-on experiences. Learn equipment and materials appropriate to the program content and in accordance with high quality standards in the field. Activities provide instruction in the use of manipulative equipment; computers, language development; creative art and woodworking; music, science, dramatic play, outdoor playground equipment and laundry equipment.

Observation and supervised work experience with young children in the daytime program will take place in Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology's Learning Partners Early Education and Care Center. The evening program students work experience will take place in a community child care setting.

- Identify rules and regulations which govern child care.
- Maintain a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment.
- Plan food service and nutrition education.
- Identify and report child abuse and neglect in accordance with state regulations.
- Identify principles of child development (birth through school-age).
- Analyze theories of child development.
- Demonstrate various observation and recording methods.
- Demonstrate an understanding of developmentally appropriate practices for programs serving young children.
- Demonstrate an awareness of children with disabilities.
- Identify appropriate methods of guidance.
- Identify knowledge of community needs and resources.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Identify communication skills.



REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) prior to entering the program.

COMPLETION TIME

Daytime program – The program length of the ECPC is 600 hours.

Evening program – The program length of the ECPC is 600 hours.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Child Care Centers, After School Programs and other Child Care Providers under Department of Children and Family (DCF) jurisdiction are currently seeking to employ child care providers with ECPC in order to be in compliance with the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) requirements.

CERTIFICATES

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will receive the 30 Hour Introductory Child Care Training Course (Part I), the 10 Hour Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Preschool Children (Part II) and the ECPC. If the student chooses, all the requirements and resources needed to apply to the CDA Council in Washington, D.C. for their National CDA Recognition Certificate are complete.

SALARY RANGE

\$9.00/hr. - \$15.00/hr.

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