

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Student/High School: _____

DMACC Required Course	Location preference: 1. Career Academy 2. Offered in my school* 3. DMACC online (circle a # in each line below)
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE:	
Intro to Early Childhood Education (ECE103)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Guidance (ECE243)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Guidance Lab - 30 hrs; ages 2-5 (ECE343)	2 / 3
Child Health, Safety and Nutrition (ECE133)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum I (ECE158)**	2 / 3
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIPLOMA (optional, in addition to classes listed above):	
Child Growth and Development (ECE170)	1 / 2 / 3
Emergency Care (ECE130)	1 / 2 / 3
Oral Communication (SPC101)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum II (ECE159)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum II Lab (ECE359)	2 / 3
The College Experience (SDV108)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Field Experience (ECE268)	2 / 3
Infant and Toddler Care and Education (ECE221)	2 / 3
Elementary Education Math 1 (MAT114)	2 / 3
US History to 1877 or alternate humanities course (HIS 150 or 151)	2 / 3

**will require approval for transfer, if not offered by DMACC*

***may be replaced by ECE 221 for infant care*

Q. What is the difference between the certificate and diploma?

A. The certificate will qualify the recipient for most entry level positions, while a diploma would qualify an individual for a lead teacher or supervisor role in a preschool or childcare facility. (Experience may also be required.) The certificate can be completed while in high school. Earning the diploma will extend into the summer and fall after high school graduation.

Q. Will I be placed in paid, work-based learning employment while I'm earning my certificate and/or diploma?

A. Yes.