

## Early Childhood Education (A55220)

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from birth through eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Richmond Community College provides day and evening course sequences for selected programs to enable students to better plan what courses to take to reach their educational goals. However, given the continued increase in the use of technology in instruction and increasing student demand for distance learning courses, the College may offer hybrid, online, web-based and information highway courses in place of traditional courses in any course sequence that is listed. Therefore, students should be aware of this possibility and prepare themselves to successfully function in a hybrid, online, web-based, or information highway course.

	Class	Lab	Work/ Clinical	Credit
<b>A. General Education Courses</b>				
1. Required Courses				
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
COM 231 Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
or				
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disc	3	0	0	3
MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	0	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
<b>B. Major Courses</b>				
1. Core Courses				
<i>To receive a degree, diploma or certificate from RCC, a student must have a grade of "C" or better in all core courses for the program of study.</i>				
EDU 119 Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU 131 Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU 144 Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU 145 Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU 146 Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU 151 Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU 153 Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU 221 Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3

EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, & Twos	3	0	0	3
EDU 271	Educational Technology	2	2	0	3
EDU 280	Language & Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
EDU 284	Early Child Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4

## 2. Other Major Courses

EDU Electives (Select a minimum of 11 credit hours from the following)\*\*

CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
EDU 114	Intro to Family Childcare	3	0	0	3
EDU 154	Social/Emotion/Behav Dev	3	0	0	3
EDU 158	Healthy Lifestyles-Youth	3	0	0	3
EDU 162	Observ & Assess in Ece	3	0	0	3
EDU 163	Classroom Mgt & Instruct	3	0	0	3
EDU 173	Becoming a Professional in ECE	3	0	0	3
EDU 216	Foundations of Education	4	0	0	4
EDU 223	Specific Learning Disab	3	0	0	3
EDU 235	School-Age Dev & Programs	3	0	0	3
EDU 247	Sensory & Physical Disab	3	0	0	3
EDU 248	Developmental Delays	3	0	0	3
EDU 250	PRAXIS I Preparation	1	0	0	1
EDU 259	Curriculum Planning	3	0	0	3
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
EDU 263	School-Age Program Administration	2	0	0	2
EDU 275	Effective Teacher Training	2	0	0	2
EDU 289	Advance Issues/School-Age	2	0	0	2
WBL 111	Work-Based Learning I	0	0	10	1
WBL 115	Work-Based Learning Seminar I	1	0	0	1

## C. Other Required Courses

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
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### Total Credit Hours

**65**

\*Approved Electives are listed on the page before the Course Descriptions.

## SEMESTER SCHEDULE

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (DAY)

				Work/ Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
<b>First Year – Fall Semester</b>							
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	0	0	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	0	0	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	0	0	3

EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
		EDU Elective I	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
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			14-17	0-2	0	14-17
<b>First Year – Spring Semester</b>						
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU	151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU	234	Infants, Toddlers, & Twos	3	0	0	3
COM	231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
	or					
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3	0	0	3
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			18	0	0	18
<b>Second Year – Fall Semester</b>						
EDU	221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
EDU	280	Language & Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		EDU Elective II	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
		EDU Elective III	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
			—	—	—	—
			14-20	0-4	0	14-20
<b>Second Year – Spring Semester</b>						
EDU	271	Educational Technology	2	2	0	3
EDU	284	Early Child Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
		EDU Elective IV	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
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			6-9	13-15	0	11-14

**Total Credit Hours****65**

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**SEMESTER SCHEDULE****EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (EVENING)**

		<b>Work/</b>				
		<b>Class</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Clinical</b>	<b>Credit</b>	
<b>First Year – Fall Semester</b>						
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1

EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
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			10	2	0	11

#### First Year – Spring Semester

EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
COM	231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
	or					
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3	0	0	3
		EDU Elective I	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
			—	—	—	—
			10-13	0-2	0	10-13

#### Second and Third Years (Alternating Sequences) Even Years – Fall Semester

EDU	131	Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		EDU Elective II	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
			—	—	—	—
			10-13	0-2	0	10-13

#### Odd Years – Spring Semester

EDU	151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU	234	Infants, Toddlers, & Twos	3	0	0	3
EDU	271	Educational Technology	2	2	0	3
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			12	2	0	12

#### Odd Years – Fall Semester

EDU	280	Language & Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
		EDU Elective III	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
			—	—	—	—
			9-12	2-4	0	10-13

#### Even Years – Spring Semester

EDU	284	Early Child Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
		EDU Elective IV	1-4	0-2	0	1-4
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			2-5	9-11	0	5-8

#### Total Credit Hours

**65**

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**SEMESTER SCHEDULE**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (CERTIFICATE) (C55220)**

			Class	Lab	Work/ Clinical	Credit
<b>First Year – Fall Semester</b>						
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU	131	Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
			—	—	—	—
			10	2	0	11
<b>First Year – Spring Semester</b>						
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	173	Becoming a Professional in ECE	3	0	0	3
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			6	0	0	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>					<b>17</b>	

**SEMESTER SCHEDULE**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
**(SPECIAL EDUCATION) DIPLOMA (D55220)**

			Class	Lab	Work/ Clinical	Credit
<b>First Year – Fall Semester</b>						
ACA	122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
CIS	110	Introduction to Computers	2	2	0	3
EDU	119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU	131	Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU	144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
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			15	4	0	17
<b>First Year – Spring Semester</b>						
EDU	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU	151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
COM	231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3

or							
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	0	0	3	
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			15	0	0	15	

**Second Year – Fall Semester**

EDU	154	Social/Emotional/Behav Dev	3	0	0	3	
EDU	221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3	
EDU	223	Specific Learning Disabilities	3	0	0	3	
EDU	247	Sensory/Physical Disabilities	3	0	0	3	
EDU	248	Developmental Delays	3	0	0	3	
			—	—	—	—	
			15	0	0	15	

**Total Credit Hours**

**47**