

## Early Childhood Preschool (Certificate) (C55860)

This curriculum prepares individuals to work with preschool aged children (3-5) in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories, competency-based knowledge, and practice in actual settings with preschool children.

Course work includes child growth and development, physical/nutritional needs of preschool children, safety issues in the care of preschool children; care and guidance; communication skills with families and children; design and implementation of appropriate curriculum; and other related topics.

Graduates should be prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate preschool programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and childcare programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and other preschool 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.

			Work/ Class Lab Clinical Credit			
<b>A. 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	145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU	146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU	153	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>						<b>16</b>

### SEMESTER SCHEDULE

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL (CERTIFICATE) (C55860) (ONLINE)

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*EDU 114 and EDU 119 have components of the course using the North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development, which is a free resource.*

*The courses listed on this program guide are the courses currently offered online through Richmond Community College. Please speak to your advisor if you have taken courses at another college or university. Please see the Student Handbook for the courses, which are part of the North Carolina Articulation Agreement. The North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement is a statewide agreement governing transfer credits from North Carolina community colleges to North Carolina public universities and participating private universities. RichmondCC cannot guarantee the transfer of courses to out-of-state universities.*