

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

 Frederick Community College



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Early Childhood Development

Childcare workers attend to children's basic needs, including monitoring their safety and hygiene, preparing meals, and providing organized activities to aid in their development. Some childcare workers may provide after school care and help older children with homework. Childcare workers are employed in a variety of settings including child care centers, nursery schools, and as in-home nannies.

The Program

Frederick Community College's Early Childhood Development program prepares students to work in child care centers, Head Start programs, nursery schools, and as self employed family child care providers or nannies. Program courses fulfill the educational requirements for senior staff, group leader, and director and also meet the Maryland child care credential and state requirements. Classes are offered in day, evening, online, hybrid and Saturdays. Some courses are offered in 7-week sessions. Students gain practical experience and a competitive edge in the job market by working in the FCC Children's Center under the guidance of its professional staff.

The Early Childhood Development Program teaches understanding of child development and behavior, knowledge of developmentally approved practices and materials, familiarity with materials, health, safety and nutrition, and familiarity with appropriate guidance techniques. Students who complete the program are expected to be able to:

- Integrate and implement curriculum areas
- Develop and implement lesson plans
- Manage behavior patterns of individuals and groups of children
- Demonstrate skill in interpreting observed behavior
- Function effectively in a teaching environment
- Apply theory and research to classroom practice
- Assess and respect individual children's needs
- Promote safe and nurturing environments

Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The national mean salary for childcare workers was \$22,310 in May 2015. Wages are higher in Maryland, at a mean salary of \$24,440. Pay varies with the worker's education and work setting. Those in formal childcare settings and those with more education usually earn higher wages. Employment of childcare workers is projected to grow 5 percent from 2014 to 2024.

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Childcare Workers)

Financial Assistance

FCC participates in federal, state and local financial aid programs. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, and for scholarships offered by the College and community. Financial aid applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, J301, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.frederick.edu.

**For more information on
Early Childhood Development:**

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A.A.S. Degree

Course	Credits
English	
EN 101 English Composition	3
Mathematics	
Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list)	3/4
Social & Behavioral Sciences	
PS 101 General Psychology	3
Arts & Humanities	
ASLS 102 American Sign Language I or	
LS 101 Introductory Spanish	3
Biological & Physical Sciences	
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (GenEd course list)	3/4
General Education Elective	
(Select from GenEd course list) HE 201 or HE 204 recommended	3
CIS 101 Information Systems and Technology	3
PE/Health Requirements	
HE 201 or HE 204 satisfies this requirement.....	1/3
Departmental Requirements	
ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECD 104 Activities I for Children	3
ECD 106 Infant/Toddler Development & Care	3
ECD 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECD 108 Activities for the School Age Child	3
ECD 210 Directed Practicum in Early Childhood or	
INTR 103 Internship	3
ECD 212 Administration of Child Development Centers	3
ECD 213 Understanding & Guiding the Young Child's Behavior	3
ECD 230 Language & Literacy Development in Early Childhood or	
ED 214 Processes & Acquisitions of Reading (targeted for transfer students)	3
ED 100 Child Development & Behavior	3
ED 203 Foundations of Special Education	3
CMSP 105 Small Group Communication	3
Electives	
Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting their electives.	3

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Departmental Requirements	
ECD 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education3
ECD 104	Activities I for Children3
ECD 106	Infant/Toddler Development & Care3
ECD 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition3
ECD 108	Activities for the School Age Child3
ECD 210	Directed Practicum in Early Childhood or
INTR 103	Internship3
ECD 212	Administration of Child Development Centers3
ECD 213	Understanding & Guiding the Young Child's Behavior3
ECD 230	Language & Literacy Development in Early Childhood3
ED 100	Child Development & Behavior 3
ED 203	Introduction to Special Education3
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CHILD CARE PRESCHOOL &
SCHOOL AGE TEACHER TRAINING

Certificate

Course	Credits
Departmental Requirements	
ECD 104	Activities I for Children3
ECD 106	Infant/Toddler Development & Care3
ECD 108	Activities for the School Age Child3
ED 100	Child Development & Behavior3
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CHILD CARE PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Letter of Recognition

Course	Credits
Departmental Requirements	
ECD 104	Activities I for Children3
ED 100	Child Development & Behavior3
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