



Early Childhood Education Program

Get hands-on experience and hone your current skills in Early Childhood Education (ECE) at TMCC! The ECE Program offers **Skills Certificates, Associate of Arts (AA), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees.**

The ECE program **meets the diverse needs of students to help them achieve their educational goals.**

- **Conveniently scheduled classes**, including evenings
- Most courses are available **on campus and online**
- **Small class sizes**
- **Experienced faculty** with expertise in ECE
- E.L. Cord Foundation Child Care Center for **observation, field experience, and practicum**
- A variety of **course, skill certificate, and degree options**

What will I study?

The ECE program at TMCC is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). All coursework aligns with the NAEYC Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators.

- **Child Development and Learning in Context**
- **Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections**
- **Child Observation, Documentation, and Assessment**
- **Developmentally, Culturally, and Linguistically Appropriate Teaching Practices**
- **Knowledge, Application, and Integration of Academic Content in the Early Childhood Curriculum**



The Early Childhood Associate Degree Program prepares individuals for a variety of career options and settings:

ECE Settings

- Infant-Toddler Programs
- Preschool & Child Care Centers
- Family Childcare Homes
- School-age Programs
- Head Start & Early Head Start Programs
- School District Early Childhood Programs

Early Care and Career Options

- Classroom Lead Teacher or Aid
- ECE Program Owner/Director
- Childcare Resource & Referral
- ECE Trainer/Consultant
- School-Age Provider
- Home Visitor
- Child/Family Advocate



Degrees and Certificates Offered

TMCC offers two degree pathways for early childhood education majors. The AA degree is designed to transfer to a **4-year degree at either UNR or GBC**. The AAS degree is designed with more flexibility in coursework. Within the AAS degree, students can take classes on administration of preschool programs, working with infants and toddlers, or preschool age children.

- **AA, Early Childhood Education (transfers to UNR & GBC)**
- **AAS, Early Childhood Education**

There are four stackable ECE skill certificates. Students can earn skill certificates as they progress toward an AA/AAS degree in ECE, or as professional development certification for non-degree-seeking students.

- **Skill Certificate, Early Childhood Educator 1 (9 credits)**
- **Skill Certificate, Early Childhood Educator 2 (12 credits)**
- **Skill Certificate, Early Childhood Educator 3 (21 credits)**
- **Skill Certificate, Early Childhood Educator 4 (27 credits)**

Questions?

Check out our program website at
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