

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS, CERTIFICATE

## Certificate in Early Childhood Programs (520200C)

This certificate program provides basic vocational training for childcare practitioners. The course of study is a means of meeting the short range goals of students interested in acquiring skills for job placement in early childhood settings.

This certificate may be attained independent of earning a degree.

The following information has official approval of **The Department of Child & Family Development** and **The College of Health Professions**, but is intended only as a guide. Completion of this certificate is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.

The following courses constitute a "Early Childhood Programs Certificate" and must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall for the certificate to be noted on the student's record. At least 9 credits throughout the certificate must be taken outside of the student's major coursework.

### Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		16
Electives		6
Total Hours		22

### Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
3760:265	Child Development	3
3760:280	Early Childhood Curriculum Methods	3
3760:370	Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom <sup>1</sup>	2
3760:375	Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom Lab <sup>1</sup>	2
5610:225	Introduction to Exceptionalities <sup>2</sup>	3
7760:132	Early Childhood Nutrition	3
Total Hours		16

<sup>1</sup> 3760:370 Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom and 3760:375 Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom Lab are coreqs and students must have a C or higher to pass each.

<sup>2</sup> 5610:225 Introduction to Exceptionalities has a prerequisite of 5100:200 Introduction to Education, or student may complete form online to be permitted: [https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bf7DgDCzC2D90MB](https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf7DgDCzC2D90MB) ([https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bf7DgDCzC2D90MB/](https://akron.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf7DgDCzC2D90MB/)).

### Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Complete 6 credits from the following courses:</b>		<b>6</b>
3750:430	Psychological Disorders of Children	
3760:110	Foundations in Early Childhood Education	

3760:245	Infant/Toddler Care and Education Programs	
3760:246	Multicultural Issues in Child Care	
3760:250	Observing & Recording Children's Behavior	
3760:270	Theory & Guidance of Play	
3760:290	Special Topics: Early Childhood Development	
3760:448	Before & After School Child Care	
3760:460	Organization & Supervision of Child Care Centers	
5100:220	Educational Psychology	
5200:215	The Child, the Family, and the School	
5200:319	Integrated Expressive Arts in Primary Grades	
5200:325	Early Childhood Inclusive Practicum	
5500:240	Foundations of Literacy	
5500:241	Word Study, Phonics & Spelling	
5550:204	Individual and Team Sports	
5550:211	First Aid & Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	
5550:245	Adapted Physical Education	
5550:447	Instructional Techniques for Children in Physical Education & Health Education	
5550:450	Organization & Administration of Physical Education, Intramural and Athletics	
5610:439	Collaboration with Families and Professionals in Early Childhood	
5610:448	Individuals with Moderate/Intensive Educational Needs: Characteristics and Implications	
5610:467	Management Strategies in Special Education	
7500:339	Teaching General Music I	
7500:340	Teaching General Music II	
7700:230	Language Science & Acquisition	
7700:330	Language Disorders	
7700:430	Aspects of Normal Language Development	
7750:302	Assessment, Play and Therapeutic Interventions with Children	
7900:361	Learning Theory for Dance	
7900:362	Instructional Strategies for Dance	
Total Hours		6