

Early Childhood Care and Education (EC13)

Associate of Applied Science eMap

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1st set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education (Co-requisite: ECCE 1103, ECCE 1105)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development (Co-requisite: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1105)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1105 Health, Safety and Nutrition (Co-requisite: ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

ECCE 1101, ECCE 1103, and ECCE 1105 are co-requisites for all ECCE classes. It is recommended these courses be taken first. Students will earn an Early Childhood Care and Education Basics (EC31) Certificate at the end of this set.

2nd set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1112 Curriculum and Assessment	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1113 Creative Activities for Children	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 1121 Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum (Corequisite: ECCE 1112, ECCE 2203)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Students will earn a Child Development Specialist (CD61) Certificate at the end of this set. ECCE 1121 is only offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

3rd set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
MATH 1103 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR		
MATH 1111 College Algebra		
XXXX xxxx Humanities/ Fine Arts Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2115 Language and Literacy	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2116 Math and Science	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

4th set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
PSYC 1101 Introduction Psychology	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (Specialization offered during this set/Fall: Infant Toddler, ECCE 2330 and ECCE 2332)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR		
ECCE xxxx		
ECCE 2202 Social Issues and Family Involvement	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2203 Guidance and Classroom Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

5th set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
XXXX xxxx Language Arts/ Communication Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (Specialization offered during this set/Spring: School Age and Youth Care, ECCE 2350 and ECCE 2352)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR		
ECCE xxxx		
ECCE 2245 Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

ECCE 2245 is not offered in summer semester. If the student's last semester will end in a Fall or Spring semester, ECCE 2245 should be moved to the 6th set of suggested courses and Guided Electives should move to this set as ECCE 2245 is only offered in Fall and Spring semesters.

6th set of suggested courses

Course	Hours	Completed
ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (Specialization offered during this set/Summer: Program Administration, ECCE 2320 and ECCE 2322)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR		
ECCE xxxx		
XXXX xxxx Guided Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
XXXX xxxx Guided Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
XXXX xxxx General Education Core Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Credit Hours: 72 Minimum Credit Hours Required for Graduation

See page 2 for Specializations and Planning Notes.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION SPECIALIZATIONS

Please note: Students must complete one specialization. Courses should be taken where suggested on the eMap.

Infant and Toddler Specialization** (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2330	Infant/ Toddler Development	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2332	Infant/ Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Infant and Toddler Specialization is offered in Fall semester only.

Program Administration Specialization (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2320	Program Administration and Facility Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2322	Personnel Management	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

Program Administration Specialization is offered in the Summer semester only.

School Age and Youth Care Specialization (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2350	Early Adolescent Development (Prerequisite: Program Admission)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECCE 2352	Designing Programs and Environments for School Age Children and Youth (Prerequisite: Program Admission)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

School Age and Youth Care Specialization is available in the Spring semester only.

Early Childhood Care and Education AAS Planning Notes:

- Courses for this Associates Degree are offered on all six GNTC campuses. Schedules may vary by campus.
- Prior to enrolling in a lab course (ECCE 1121, ECCE 2245, ECCE 2246), students must provide the following documentation: (1) DECAL Clearance Letter, (2) CPR/First Aid certification.
- Students interested in a Paraprofessional Specialization are recommended to specialize in School Age and Youth Care. For more information on how to receive the Paraprofessional certification in Georgia, please see your Program Advisor or visit <https://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.18.pdf>

Additional information for the Early Childhood Care and Education AAS program and program requirements can be found at [GNTC 2024-2025 Catalog](#).