

Early Childhood Care and Education (EC13)

Associate of Applied Science eMap

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1 st set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
COMP 1000	Introduction to Computer Literacy	3	☐
ECCE 1101	Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	3	☐
ECCE 1103	Child Growth and Development	3	☐
ECCE 1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	☐

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.

2 nd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3	☐
ECCE 1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3	☐
ECCE 1113	Creative Activities for Children	3	☐
ECCE 1121	Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum (Corequisite: ECCE 1112, ECCE 2203)	3	☐

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.

3 rd set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
MATH 1103 OR MATH 1111	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning OR College Algebra	3	☐
XXXX xxxx	Humanities/ Fine Arts Elective	3	☐
ECCE 2115	Language and Literacy	3	☐
ECCE 2116	Math and Science	3	☐

4 th set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
PSYC 1101	Introduction Psychology	3	☐
ECCE 2201 OR ECCE xxxx	Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (See program notes on page 2 for options on program specializations by semester.)	3	☐
ECCE 2202	Social Issues and Family Involvement	3	☐
ECCE 2203	Guidance and Classroom Management	3	☐

5 th set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
XXXX xxxx	Language Arts/ Communication Elective	3	☐
ECCE 2201 OR ECCE xxxx	Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (See program notes on page 2 for options on program specializations by semester.)	3	☐
ECCE 2245	Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	6	☐

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.

6 th set of suggested courses			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2201 OR ECCE xxxx	Exceptionalities OR ECCE Specialization (See program notes on page 2 for options on program specializations by semester.)	3	☐
XXXX xxxx	Guided Elective	3	☐
XXXX xxxx	Guided Elective	3	☐
XXXX xxxx	General Education Core Elective	3	☐

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.

Exceptionalities Specialization (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2360	Classroom Strategies for Exceptional Children	3	☐
ECCE 2362	Exploring Your Role in the Exceptional Environment	3	☐

Exceptionalities Specialization is offered in Fall and Spring semesters only.

Infant and Toddler Specialization (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2330	Infant/ Toddler Development	3	☐
ECCE 2332	Infant/ Toddler Group Care and Curriculum	3	☐

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	☐
ECCE 2322	Personnel Management	3	☐

Program Administration Specialization is offered in the Spring semester only.

School Age and Youth Care Specialization (6 Credit Hours)			
Course		Hours	Completed
ECCE 2350	Early Adolescent Development (Prerequisite: Program Admission)	3	☐
ECCE 2352	Designing Programs and Environments for School Age Children and Youth (Prerequisite: Program Admission)	3	☐

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>
- Specializations vary by semester. Fall specializations include Exceptionalities or Infant / Toddler. Spring specializations include Exceptionalities, Program Administration, or School Age and Youth Care. No specialization courses are currently being offered in the Summer semester. Plan accordingly in order to register for required specialization course options.
- The Program Advisor for EC13 is Jennifer Dixon, jdixon@gntc.edu

Additional information for the Early Childhood Care and Education AAS program and program requirements can be found at [GNTC 2026-2027 Catalog](#).