

SCHOOL OF PERSONAL SERVICES

Early Childhood Care and Education AAS Degree (EC13)

Offered at Clarkesville, Blairsville, and Currahee Campuses

Entrance Dates Fall, Spring, Summer
 Length of Program..... 6 Terms
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 72

Purpose: The Early Childhood Care and Education Associate of Applied Science degree program prepares students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head Start, Georgia Pre-K programs and elementary school paraprofessional positions.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 16 or older or student with dual/joint enrollment in high school or GED® students seeking access to quality instruction at the postsecondary level
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

Program Requirements:

- Must purchase malpractice insurance for program occupational courses; fee is non-refundable once the student has attended at least one day of class.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check is required prior to clinical, practicum or internship.
- A grade of “C” or better must be achieved in occupational and specialization courses for graduation.
- Must have CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Must have Darkness to Light (child abuse) training.

Program Courses

Credits

General Core Courses

Total 18 credit hours

Area I	Language Arts/Communication	6
	ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric (required)	
	Language Arts/Communication Elective	
Area II	Social/Behavioral Sciences	
	PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology (required)	3
Area III	Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
	(one of the following required)	
	MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling	
	MATH 1103 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	
	MATH 1111 College Algebra	
	MATH 1127 Introduction to Statistics	
Area IV	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
	General Education Elective from any area	3

Contact program advisor for program-specific courses and see General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees for course options.

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Occupational Courses			Total 48 credit hours
COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
ECCE	1101	Introduction to ECCE	3
ECCE	1103	Child Growth and Development	3
ECCE	1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECCE	1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3
ECCE	1113	Creative Activities for Child	3
ECCE	1121	Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	3
ECCE	2115	Language and Literacy	3
ECCE	2116	Math and Science	3

Occupational Courses Continued			
ECCE	2201	Exceptionalities	3
ECCE	2202	Social Issues and Family	3
ECCE	2203	Guidance and Classroom Management	3
ECCE	2245	Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	6
ECCE	2320	Program Administration and Facility Management	3
ECCE	2322	Personnel Management	3

Select one of the following specializations

Paraprofessional (8PS3)			Total 6 hours
ECCE	2310	Paraprofessional Methods and Materials	(3)
ECCE	2312	Paraprofessional Role and Practices	(3)

Family Child Care (8FC3)			Total 6 hours
ECCE	2340	Family Child Care Program Management	(3)
ECCE	2342	Family Child Care Business Management	(3)

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$2,000.

NOTE: To work as an Early Childhood Program Administrator, Bright from the Start (BFTS) has a minimum age requirement of 21.

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Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma (ECC2)

Offered at Clarkesville, Blairsville, and Currahee Campuses

Entrance Dates Fall, Spring, Summer
 Length of Program..... 4 Terms
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 54

Purpose: The Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program prepares students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including childcare centers and Head Start.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 16 or older or student with dual/joint enrollment in high school or GED® students seeking access to quality instruction at the postsecondary level
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

Program Requirements:

- Must purchase malpractice insurance for program occupational courses; fee is non-refundable once the student has attended at least one day of class.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check is required prior to clinical, practicum or internship.
- A grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each occupational course for graduation.
- Must have CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Must have Darkness to Light (child abuse) training.

Program Courses

Credits

Basic Skills Courses

Total 12 credit hours

	COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
	ENGL	1010	Fundamentals of English I	3
	MATH	1012	Foundations of Mathematics	3
	PSYC	1010	Basic Psychology	3

Occupational Courses

Total 42 credit hours

	ECCE	1101	Introduction to ECCE	3
	ECCE	1103	Child Growth and Development	3
	ECCE	1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
	ECCE	1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3
	ECCE	1113	Creative Activities for Child	3
	ECCE	1121	Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	3
	ECCE	2115	Language and Literacy	3
	ECCE	2116	Math and Science	3
	ECCE	2202	Social Issues and Family	3
	ECCE	2203	Guidance and Classroom Management	3
	ECCE	2245	Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I	6
	ECCE	2320	Program Administration and Facility Management	3
	ECCE	2322	Personnel Management	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$1,800.

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Child Development Specialist Certificate (CD61)

Offered at Clarkesville, Blairsville, and Currahee Campuses

Entrance Dates Fall, Spring, Summer
 Length of Program..... 1 Term
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 15

Purpose: The Child Development Specialist certificate program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes the basics needed for a career in early childhood; additionally this certificate includes content about planning curriculum and working in the field. Students have the opportunity to complete a practicum in an early childhood environment. Graduates will be qualified to work in early care and education settings including childcare centers and Head Start.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 16 or older or student with dual/joint enrollment in high school or GED® students seeking access to quality instruction at the postsecondary level
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

Program Requirements:

- Must have CPR and First Aid Certification.
- Must have Darkness to Light (child abuse) training.
- Must purchase malpractice insurance for occupational courses; fee is non-refundable once the student has attended at least one day of class.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check is required prior to clinical, practicum or internship.

Program Courses

Credits

ECCE	1101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECCE	1103	Child Growth and Development	3
ECCE	1105	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECCE	1112	Curriculum and Assessment	3

Select one of the following:

COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
ECCE	1121	Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum	(3)

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$300.

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Early Childhood Program Administration Certificate (ECP1)

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Entrance Dates Fall, Spring, Summer
 Length of Program..... 1 Term
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 9

Purpose: The Early Childhood Program Administration certificate program prepares students for a job as manager of a childcare learning center or a group day care center. The program emphasizes child growth and development and management and administration issues involved in managing a childcare center. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head Start, and Georgia Pre-K programs. To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 16 or older or student with dual/joint enrollment in high school or GED® students seeking access to quality instruction at the postsecondary level
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

Program Requirements:

- Must have CPR and First Aid Certification
- Must have Darkness to Light (child abuse) training

Program Courses

Credits

ECCE	1103	Child Growth and Development	3
ECCE	2320	Program Admin and Facility Management	3
ECCE	2322	Personnel Management	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$300.

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Early Childhood Care and Education Basics Certificate (EC31)

Offered at Clarkesville, Blairsville, and Currahee Campuses

Entrance Dates Fall, Spring, Summer
 Length of Program..... 1 Term
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 9

Purpose: The Early Childhood Care and Education Basics certificate program provides students an introductory course to the ECCE field, a child growth and development course, and health, safety, and nutrition course. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head Start, and Georgia Pre-K programs. Bright from the Start (BFTS), the regulatory agency in Georgia, requires the basic knowledge included in this TCC for a person to be a lead teacher in a childcare center and family day care center. To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 16 or older or student with dual/joint enrollment in high school or GED® students seeking access to quality instruction at the postsecondary level
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- Must meet regular admissions criteria prior to graduation

Program Requirements:

- Must have CPR and First Aid Certification
- Must have Darkness to Light (child abuse) training

Program Courses

Credits

ECCE	1101	Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	3
ECCE	1103	Child Growth and Development	3
ECCE	1105	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$300.