

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - INFANT AND TODDLER, SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #5158

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Division of Social Sciences and Human Services (<http://catalog.lorainccc.edu/academic-programs/social-sciences-human-services/>)

The infant and toddler short-term technical certificate has been designed to meet the needs of those persons who are interested in working with children ages six weeks to three. These courses were designed to provide basic information relative to developmental characteristics, curriculum organization, classroom programming, observation and record keeping. These courses can be applied towards the associate degree in early childhood education. Lorain County Community College has articulation agreements with colleges and universities including programs offered by Lorain County Community College's University Partnership.

Preferred Sequence

Fall Semester		Hours
ECED 111	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	3
ECED 171	HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION	2
ECED 278	INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT ^{1,2}	3
SDEV 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE LCCC COMMUNITY ³	1
Hours		9
Spring Semester		
ECED 274	INFANT TODDLER PRACTICUM ²	3
EDCT 254	INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES	3
HLED 153	FIRST AID AND SAFETY	2
Hours		8
Total Hours		17

¹ This course has a prerequisite and can be taken concurrently with ECED 111.

² Indicates that this course requires a prerequisite.

³ A student must register for the orientation course when enrolling for more than six credit hours per semester or any course that would result in an accumulation of 12 or more credit hours.

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For information about admissions, enrollment, transfer, graduation and other general questions, please contact your advising team (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/admissions-and-enrollment/advising-and-counseling/>).

More program information can be found on our website. (<https://www.lorainccc.edu/education/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-infant-and-toddler-short-term-certificate/>)

Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 in ECED courses to be eligible for the ECE short-term technical certificate.

The following paperwork is required:

1. Completed physical with TB screening with possible test.
2. Completed BCI/FBI.
3. Signed confidentiality and liability statement.
4. Letter of reference.

Fifty percent of coursework must be completed at LCCC to receive this certificate.

Program Prerequisites for Early Childhood Education

Prior to entering the program, students must provide evidence of a current physical, TB test and must make all immunizations current.

A signed non-conviction statement is required. Students will be **REQUIRED** to sign a liability waiver statement and a confidentiality statement. In addition, in accordance with state law, students are **REQUIRED** to be fingerprinted. Students previously convicted of a felony must schedule an appointment with the division dean or program coordinator prior to enrollment in the program.

After admission into the ECE program, students are **REQUIRED** to prepare career goals statement. This statement is an assignment in the ECED 111 course. Initial admission into the program is conditional. (Full admission requires the completion of 12 semester hours of coursework, exclusive of college preparatory, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, including completion of ECED 111 and one ECED course with a grade of C or higher).

Credit for Prior Learning (PLA) options may be available for your program. For more information, please visit our website: www.lorainccc.edu/PLA (<http://www.lorainccc.edu/PLA>)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Observe an infants/toddler environment that focuses on intentional teaching and the whole child.
2. Design activities and assessments that are responsive to the diverse needs of infants/toddlers.
3. Engage with children, families, colleagues and the community ethically and professionally in learning environments and meaningful activities.