

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Curriculum Code #5003

Effective May 2026

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

An early childhood education short-term technical certificate has been designed for those students who wish to be employed as a teacher or teachers aid in a preschool/daycare, or in-home setting. These courses are part of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services requirements to be an early childhood education teacher. Therefore, the courses may be applied towards an 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.

Code	Title	Hours
ECED 111	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	3
ECED 164	CHILD GUIDANCE AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT ¹	3
Elective ²		3
SDEV 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE LCCC COMMUNITY ³	1

TECHNICAL ELECTIVE COURSES

Select a minimum of three courses from the following		8-11
ECED 162	EMERGING LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT ⁴	
ECED 255	CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE YOUNG CHILD ⁴	
ECED 256	COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT ⁴	
ECED 278	INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT ⁴	
EDCT 254	INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES	

Total Hours **18-21**

¹ Indicates that this course requires a prerequisite but can be taken concurrently with ECED 111.

² Select at least one elective from the following: HLED 153, PSYH 151, SOCY 151G.

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.

⁴ Indicates this course requires a prerequisite.

⁵ Indicates that this course requires a corequisite.

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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-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.
5. OPIN from OCCRRRA.

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 screening with possible test and must make all immunizations current.

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 a child centered environment that focuses on intentional teaching and reflects on the whole child.
2. Design curriculum (lesson plans) and assessments that are responsive to the diverse needs of children.