

**MECC offers two certificates:
Early Childhood &
Early Childhood with
Infant/Toddler Option.**

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to credit-level coursework established by the college.

Program Requirements:

The Code of Virginia restricts who may legally provide child care in Virginia. Most agencies require a criminal background check through the Virginia State Police Department and a child abuse or neglect check through the Virginia Department of Social Services before employment involving contact with young children. In addition, some child care facilities and schools may require proof of specific vaccinations and health related tests for students to complete their supervised workplace experiences.

Occupational Objectives:

Upon completion, graduates possess the knowledge and skills required for entry into Early Childhood Educational families such as, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, family day care home, and preschool programs.



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**EARLY
CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

2017-2018



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN A CHILDCARE CERTIFICATE IN ONE SEMESTER?



YOU CAN ENROLL IN ONE OF OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT MOUNTAIN EMPIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

Graduates will also be equipped to apply for a minimum of two Early Childhood Endorsements issued by the Virginia Department Social Services (VDSS).

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This program is designed as an introduction to the field. The curriculum is designed to provide entry-level competencies documented by the Virginia's Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals. These competencies include health, safety and nutrition, understand child growth and development, appropriate child observation and assessment, partnering with families and community, learning environment, effective interactions, program management, teacher qualifications and professional development curriculum. Additionally, this program provides the necessary CPR training for young children desired by many employment agencies.

CSC for Early Childhood Development 221-636-04		
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children	3
CHD 165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3
HLT 135 or EDU 235	Child Health and Nutrition Education	3
HLT Elective	HLT 105, HLT 106, or HLT 100	1
Total Minimum Credits		16

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - Infant and Toddler Option

This program is designed as an introduction to the field, specializing in infant and toddler care. The curriculum is designed to provide entry-level competencies include health, safety and nutrition, understand child growth and development, appropriate child observation and assessment, partnering with families and community, learning environment, effective interactions program management, teacher qualifications and professional development curriculum. Additionally, this program provides the necessary CPR training for young children desired by many employment agencies.

CSC for Early Childhood Development – Infant and Toddler Option 221-636-05		
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 164	Working with Infants and Toddler's in an Inclusive Setting	3
CHD 165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
CHD 166	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
HLT 135 or EDU 235	Child Health and Nutrition Education	3
HLT Elective	HLT 105, HLT 106, or HLT 100	1
Total Minimum Credits		16