

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Program

The Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Program (IECE) is designed to provide students an understanding of the cognitive, physical, social and emotional development for working with young children. Opportunities to apply this knowledge in practical experiences are incorporated in the curriculum. Curriculum topics include, but are not limited to developmental ages and stages, health and safety, curriculum planning, assessment and family involvement. Employment opportunities are available in public and private preschools, early care educational settings, early intervention programs, Head Start, hospitals, campus child development centers, rehabilitation clinics and recreation centers.

In order to complete the Associate in Applied Science degree in IECE, a student must complete all core courses, as well as a general education component. Students enrolled in the Program must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each required IECE course (EC/FAM and/or IECE prefixes) to qualify for certificate completion and graduation. Competencies, courses, requirements and experiences will vary depending upon the degree or certificate and achieved.

Kentucky State Licensing Regulations require that any individual who shall be working with children submit to a Criminal Records Check, and/or a Criminal Abuse and Neglect history, and a Tuberculosis (TB) skin test. Therefore, students will be required to submit this documentation before taking applicable courses in the program. Students are also required to carry liability insurance in the courses which require field experience. This is available through the college and will be automatically added into the course fee. Admission to IECE courses may also be dependent upon class availability.

Individuals who are currently working in child care 20 hrs. or more a week may qualify for the Childhood Development Scholarship. Details are available at <http://www.kheaa.com>, or contact .

Curriculum Requirements**

Required: General Education Courses

ENG	101	Writing I		3
ENG	102	Writing II		3
COM	181	Basic Public Speaking	OR	3
COM	252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication		(3)
PY	110	General Psychology	OR	3
PSY	100	Introduction to Psychology		(4)
		Heritage/Humanities**		3
		Science**		3
		Mathematics**		3
		Computer Course		3
		Sub-Total:		24-25

Technical Support Courses

IECE	101	Orientation to Early Childhood Education		3
IECE	102	Foundations of Early Childhood Education		3
IECE	120	Health, Safety, and Nutrition		3
IECE	130	Early Childhood Development		3
IECE	140	Guidance of Young Children		3
IECE	170	Observation and Assessment	OR	(3)
IECE	180	Approaches to ECE Curriculum	OR	(3)
IECE	190	Applied Experiences in ECE		(3) (CDA ONLY)
IECE	216	Literacy and Language		3
IECE	221	Creative Expression in IECE		3
IECE	230	Business Administration of ECE		3
IECE	235	Introduction to Inclusive Education		3
IECE	246	Life Sciences in IECE		3
IECE	240	Administration of ECE Programs OR		3
IECE	250	School Age Child Care		(3)
IECE	260	Infant and Toddler Education and Programming		3
IECE	291	IECE Practicum/Cooperative Education		3
		Sub-Total:		42
		Total Credits:		66-67

Students interested in pursuing the four-year Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education degree are STRONGLY URGED to take the following specific courses to ensure transferability to a four-year institution. HIS 108 OR 109 BIO 102 OR 103 MA 109 OR 111 OR MA 123