

# Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education (ECED) program prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to work collaboratively with young children and families in various professional capacities. The training that students receive blends theory and practice through coursework and hands-on experiences in the real world of a preschool program at the Child Development Center at Kaua'i Community College. Designed as a cohort model, a new group of students will be admitted annually. Students will progress through the program together, completing a 9-credit Initial Early Childhood Education Certificate, a 16-credit Early Childhood Education Practitioner I, and a 25-credit Certificate of Achievement enroute toward completing the 60-credit Associate in Science (AS) degree in Early Childhood Education. There are several pathways that students graduating with the AS in ECED can follow within the State of Hawai'i. Students may continue to UH West O'ahu (Bachelor's in Social Science in Early Childhood Education) or UH Mānoa (Bachelor of Education in Elementary and Early Childhood Education or in Early Childhood and Special Education). Students who plan to transfer are strongly encouraged to seek academic advising upon admission to Kaua'i Community College.

## **Program Admission Requirements:**

To be admitted to the Early Childhood Education program students must:

- be qualified for ENG 100

By the beginning of the second semester, students must:

- pass the fingerprinting and background check required by the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services for individuals working with young children (fee required)

## **Graduation Requirements:**

A grade of "C" or higher for all ECED alpha courses in the Early Childhood Education program is required for graduation.

## ***Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) approved 10/13/2020:***

1. Use knowledge of child development and of individual children to create healthy, challenging learning environments and experiences.
2. Build respectful partnerships with children, families and their communities.
3. Observe, document, and assess all children's development and learning in partnership with families.
4. Use supportive interactions to build positive relationships and guide all children.
5. Use content knowledge and appropriate pedagogy to create/design, implement, and assess learning experiences.
6. Use reflective practice to demonstrate professionalism.

## **Federal Program Licensure Reporting Requirements:**

The Kaua'i Community College Early Childhood Education program curriculum is approved by the Hawai'i State Director of the Department of Human Services and meets Hawai'i Administrative Rules 17-892.1-17 ([https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/files/2013/01/HAR\\_17-892.1-Group-Child-Care-Center-and-Group-Child-Care-Home-Rules.pdf](https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/files/2013/01/HAR_17-892.1-Group-Child-Care-Center-and-Group-Child-Care-Home-Rules.pdf)). If you are not residing in the state of Hawai'i and are taking a Kaua'i Community College online course or program leading to professional licensure, Kaua'i Community College cannot confirm whether the course or program meets your state's professional licensure requirements. Please verify with the appropriate licensing board in the state you intend to practice.

# Early Childhood Education Degrees and Certificates

## Early Childhood Education: Associate in Science Degree

### Fall (Semester 1)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 110	Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
ECED 131	Early Childhood Development: Theory Into Practice	3
ENG 100	Composition I	3
	Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (HAP) or Pacific Cultures (PC): Any HAP or PC course	3

1. ENG 100: This course fulfills the Communication category.

### Spring (Semester 2)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 140	Guiding Young Children in Group Settings	3
ECED 191	Early Childhood Practicum I	4
ECED 245	Child, Family, and Community	3
	Cultural Environment: Any Arts (DA) (3 credits) and Humanities (DH) (3 credits) course	3
	Mathematics: MATH 100 or higher	3

1. Cultural Environment: Any DA (3 credits) and any DH (3 credits) are required. If the DA course(s) is taken in semester 2, the DH course should be fulfilled in semester 3 or vice versa.

### Fall (Semester 3)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child	3
ECED 263	Language and Creative Expression Curriculum	3
	Cultural Environment: Any Arts (DA) (3 credits) and Humanities (DH) (3 credits) course	3
	Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP): Any DB or DP course	3
	Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): Any DY course	1
	Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): Any DS course	3

1. Cultural Environment: Any DA (3 credits) and any DH (3 credits) are required. If the DA course(s) is taken in semester 2, the DH course should be fulfilled in semester 3 or vice versa.
2. Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP) and Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): These courses fulfill the Natural Environment category.
3. Diversification (DS): This course fulfills the Social Environment category. HDFS 230 is recommended.

## Spring (Semester 4)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 170	Introduction to Working with Infants and Toddlers	3
ECED 264	Inquiry and Physical Curriculum	3
ECED 291	Early Childhood Practicum II	4
SP 151	Personal and Public Speaking	3
Total Credits		60

### Category Descriptions

#### Cultural Environment: Any Arts (DA) (3 credits) and Humanities (DH) (3 credits) course

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

#### Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP): Any DB or DP course

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

#### Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): Any DY course

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

#### Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): Any DS course

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

#### Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (HAP) or Pacific Cultures (PC): Any HAP or PC course

Refer to the "Graduation Requirement Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

# Early Childhood Education: Certificate of Achievement

## Fall (Semester 1)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 110	Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
ECED 115	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child	3
ECED 131	Early Childhood Development: Theory Into Practice	3

## Spring (Semester 2)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 140	Guiding Young Children in Group Settings	3
ECED 191	Early Childhood Practicum I	4
ECED 245	Child, Family, and Community	3
ECED 264	Inquiry and Physical Curriculum	3
Total Credits		25

# Early Childhood Education: Certificate of Competence (Initial Early Childhood Education)

## Fall (Semester 1)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 110	Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
ECED 131	Early Childhood Development: Theory Into Practice	3
Total Credits		9

# Early Childhood Education: Certificate of Competence (Practitioner I)

## Fall (Semester 1)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 110	Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
ECED 131	Early Childhood Development: Theory Into Practice	3

## Spring (Semester 2)

Course	Course Title/Category	Credits
ECED 140	Guiding Young Children in Group Settings	3
ECED 191	Early Childhood Practicum I	4

