

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Foundational Certificate

Certificate

DIVISION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

This program is designed to qualify students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care requirements for teachers in group childcare centers.

Holders of this certificate are eligible to apply for EEC professional qualification as a preschool teacher. A one-semester supervised field work component in an approved center gives students valuable practical experience, thereby supplementing classroom theory and learning.

Upon successful completion, the Certificate in [Early Childhood Education](#) is awarded.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) and SORI (Sexual Offender Registry Information) background checks are required prior to practicum placement and will be conducted in accordance with state regulations. CORI and SORI results are confidential.

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES

Students should consult an Education Advisor after program completion for assistance in applying for EEC Teacher Qualification and for information about Lead Teacher Qualification, which requires additional experience.

A grade of C or higher is required in Education (ED) courses and PS 222 Child Development.

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
PS 222*	Child Development	3
ED 112	Early Childhood Education	3
ED 228	Guiding Children's Behavior	3
ED 203**	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
OR		
ED 223**	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3
ED 260	Foundational Practicum in Early Childhood Education	4
	Total Credits:	16

* Child Development should be completed in the first semester.
** Students are advised to complete ED 203 or ED 223 before the practicum.