# ECED: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

**Program code**: ECED-CC

**Location**: Asnuntuck, Capital, Gateway, Housatonic, Middlesex, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern, Norwalk, Quinebaug Valley, Three Rivers, Tunxis

## Program Description

The certificate is designed to develop skills and knowledge necessary and desirable to work with all young children and transfer to the Associate of Science degree Early Childhood Education program. Students who complete this 24-credit certificate can provide the basic aspects of professional childcare and inclusion education such as lesson planning, instruction, guiding student behavior, supporting families, and caring for and monitoring the safety for all young learners including those with special needs.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the ECED Certificate, a graduate should be able to:

1. Know and promote child development by understanding young children characteristics; the multiple influences development; and recognize and create appropriate learning environments where all young children thrive.
2. Facilitate meaningful opportunities to foster physical, social, emotional, language, cognitive, and aesthetic development for all children from birth through age eight.
3. Build, support, and engage family and community relationships through understanding and valuing diversity and all families and knowledge of the community; and create respectful, reciprocal relationships that involve all families in their children's education and development.
4. Develop a basic knowledge of and use observation, documentation, and assessment including assistive technology positively and responsibly to describe, discuss, and promote positive outcomes for a child's learning and development including children with developmental delays and disabilities.
5. Use effective communication in a professional setting.

## Certificate Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| **Required Courses** | | |
| ECED 1001 | Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education | 3 |
| ECED 1002 | The Foundations of Child Development | 3 |
| ECED 2515 | Exceptional Learners | 3 |
| ECED 2331 | Language Development and Emergent Literacy in Young Children | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| COMM 1302 | Interpersonal Communication | |
| COMM 1301 | Public Speaking | |
| COMM 1303 | Group Communication | |
| ENG 1010 | Composition | |
| ENG 1080 | Composition II: Technical Writing | |
| ECED, EDUC, or SPED Electives | | 9 |
| **Total Credits** | | **24** |

- ECED: Administration, Management, and Leadership Certificate
- ECED: Infant and Toddler Certificate
- Early Childhood Education, AS