Early Childhood Education

About

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to create a positive learning environment for young children. Teachers who work in high quality programs for children understand how young children grow and learn and are able to provide materials and activities that are developmentally and interest appropriate.

In addition to the Associate degree, Great Bay Community College offers a 23 credit Certificate in Early Childhood Education and a 29 credit Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Education, which are available to students who have earned a high school degree. These Certificates can be completed on a full or part-time basis and courses are offered during the day, evening, and online.

Students will be able to:
The Early Childhood Education program meets the Standards for teacher preparation according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

- Students will explain and demonstrate the ability to support children in their development and learning by providing appropriate opportunities for physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive development.
- Students will establish and maintain positive, productive and reciprocal relationships with colleagues, families and other professionals, work effectively as a member of an instructional team and communicate effectively with others to support development, learning and well-being.
- Students will be reflective practitioners who understand the goals, benefits and purposes of assessment. They will be able to utilize a variety of assessment and evaluative strategies and tools, in partnership with families and other professionals in order to positively influence child development, including overall and individualized curriculum.
- Students will be able to establish and maintain positive, productive relationships with families, respect family choices and goals for children, communicate effectively and meaningfully with families and use families as a primary source of information in planning and meeting the needs of individual children and families.
- Students will design, implement and evaluate a meaningful, challenging and developmentally appropriate curriculum that demonstrates a wide array of teaching practices that reflect multiple content areas and academic subject as well as the child's and family's needs and interests.
- Students will be active practitioners who continually evaluate their choices and actions on others, seek out opportunities to grow professionally, serve as advocates for young children and their families, improve quality of programs and service for young children, and demonstrate an awareness of and follow the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct.

Admissions Criteria

All students are welcome to enroll in Early Childhood classes, however, when enrolled ECE112G where field placements are required, they must be able to meet technical standards for the field and New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau requirements for health and background checks for child care personnel. It is recommended that students begin the background check process upon entering the ECE program if not already employed in a NH child care program. See the program coordinator for more information. Prospective students with special needs requiring accommodations that may affect their practicum placement or employment options are advised to discuss specific career objectives with the program coordinator during the admissions process.

Occupations/Outlook Trends

For more information about the outlook and trends for the Early Childhood Education industry please visit:
http://www.bls.gov/

Why Early Childhood Education at Great Bay?

- The program offers many opportunities to work with children throughout coursework.
- The program offers community placements that support networking and potential job opportunities.
- Most courses in the Early Childhood Education program are offered in a hybrid format to support working students and reduce travel time.

How Much Can I Expect to Earn?

To learn more about potential earnings visit:
http://www.bls.gov/oco

Gainful Employment Disclosure:

View online at
www.greatbay.edu/GEearly-child-adv
# Early Childhood Education Advanced Certificate Program

**Student Name:** ____________________________  
**Student ID #:** ____________________________  
**Beginning Semester:** ________________________

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## Early Childhood Education Advanced Certificate

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*Only courses above the 100 level can be applied toward the degree.  
*Elective options include any ECE course, TCHP215G, TCHP225G, TCHP101G, TCHP220G, or ASL 110G

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**SUCCESS STRATEGIES**

- Take English and Math in your first semester.  
- Explore Transfer opportunities.  
- Take advantage of Tutoring Services.  
- Consider Summer courses to catch up or get ahead.  
- Check your student email daily.

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**YOUR PATHWAY TO AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

This **ACADEMIC MAP** keeps you on track to graduate in two years.