

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



## CREDENTIALS/CREDITS

Associate Degree, 60 credits

Early Childhood Education Certificate,  
18 credits

Early Childhood Education Entry Level  
Certificate, 9 credits

Early Childhood Education Advanced  
Certificate, 24 credits

## DELIVERY

Day, Night, Online

## TUITION AND FEES

[NHTI.edu/tuition](http://NHTI.edu/tuition)

## MORE INFO

NHTI – Concord's Community College  
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## ADMISSIONS

[NHTI.edu/admissions](http://NHTI.edu/admissions)

603-230-4011 | Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Do you love working with kids? The Early Childhood Education program prepares you to be an active researcher of children and how they learn. You'll learn how to support families as a child's first educator and be the industry's backbone of growth. You'll work with highly trained early childhood teachers, which is essential to your success. Our program teaches leadership development, civic engagement with children and families, and professional training through participation in our Student Early Childhood Association. Classes are taught by expert instructors that are current in the profession.

## Academic Options

Our Child and Family Studies department offers stackable certificates in Early Childhood Education; each enables you to enter the field in as few as 3 courses and gives you the opportunity to build on your knowledge and skills while building credits toward your associate degree. In your practicum, you'll be placed in our community centers and schools. Many practicum experiences lead to full-time employment, and early childhood administrators often seek to have our students placed at their sites. There is financial assistance available through T.E.A.C.H. scholarship opportunities to help offset costs.

## Career Opportunities

Early childhood educators are in demand, and jobs are available as early primary classroom aides, infant and toddler caregivers, early intervention assistants, child development specialists, and children's center directors or administrators. Ample opportunities exist and salaries are on the rise.

## Accreditation

"Accreditation recognizes excellence in early childhood professional preparation at a critical time when public demand for highly qualified early childhood professionals with specialized degrees and credentials is increasing."



## Early Childhood Education Associate of Science Curriculum

FIRST YEAR – ON CAMPUS

Course	Title	CL	LAB	CR
<b>Fall Semester</b>				
ECE 101C	Growth and Development of the Young Child <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 188C	Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Education <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ENGL 101C	English Composition	4	0	4
MATH 120C	Quantitative Reasoning	4	0	4
				<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>				
ECE 143C	Teaching and Learning – STEAM <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 167C	Positive Behavior Guidance, Supporting Young Children w/ Challenging Behaviors <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 215C	Infant/Toddler Development and Programming <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ENGL 120MC	Communication: Mindful or			
ENGL xxxC	English Literature Elective	3	0	3
PSYC 105C	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
				<b>15</b>

SECOND YEAR – ON CAMPUS

<b>Fall Semester</b>				
ECE 155C	Using Children’s Literature to Support Language, Literacy Development <sup>1,2</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 275C	Practicum 1 – Observation, Interpretation, Assessment, and Portfolio Documentation <sup>1</sup>	2	7	4
XX xxxC	Humanities/Fine Arts/Language elective	3	0	3
XX xxxC	Lab Science elective <sup>3</sup>	3	2	4
XX xxxC	Social Science elective <sup>3,4</sup>	3	0	3
				<b>17</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>				
ECE 242C	Child, Family, and Community <sup>1</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 270C	Teaching Young Children with Exceptionalities <sup>1</sup>	3	0	3
ECE 276C	Practicum II – Exploring Teaching: Implementing Responsive Emergent Curriculum <sup>1</sup>	2	7	4
ECE 290C	Early Childhood Leadership Seminar <sup>1</sup>	1	0	1
XX xxxC	General elective	3	0	3
				<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup>Indicates major field course

<sup>2</sup>Students taking ECE 101C, ECE 143C, ECE 155C, ECE 167C, ECE 188C and ECE 215C will be charged a \$25 Child and Family Development Center Lab fee for each class.

<sup>3</sup>BIOL 100C, CHEM 100C, and PHYS 100C do not meet this requirement.

<sup>4</sup>Any course with a prefix of ANTH, ECON, HIST, POLS, PSYC or SOCI (except HIST 104C and HIST 105C)

NOTE: Students whose placement test scores suggest difficulty with lengthy and complex assignments are strongly advised to complete the program in 3 or more years.

### NHTI – Concord’s Community College

NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning that provides accessible, rigorous education for students, businesses, and the community. We create pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement, and civic engagement, offering 80+ academic programs to 4,600+ students annually. NHTI is a member of the Community College System of New Hampshire and since 1969 has been accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, a nongovernmental, nationally recognized accrediting agency.