

# Early Childhood Education

Are you passionate about working with children?

Do you wish to become a motivating educator?



## The Career

A career working with young children offers the opportunity to influence young lives as they grow and develop. Students are prepared to be competent early childhood professionals who can provide a nurturing environment with a strong understanding of the ways in which children grow and learn. Students learn to provide care and education that is developmentally appropriate. The Early Childhood Education Program focuses on young children, birth through age 8 years, and their families.

## The Program

The Early Childhood Education Program combines theory and practical experience. Students develop knowledge and skills in the following areas: child development and learning in context; family-teacher partnerships and community connections; child observation, documentation, and assessment; developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching practices; knowledge, application, and integration of academic content in the early childhood curriculum; and professionalism as an early childhood educator. Programmatic learning objectives are available on the Early Childhood Education program pages on the web site

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## Job Opportunities

Graduates of the Early Childhood Education Program work in a variety of settings including but not limited to:

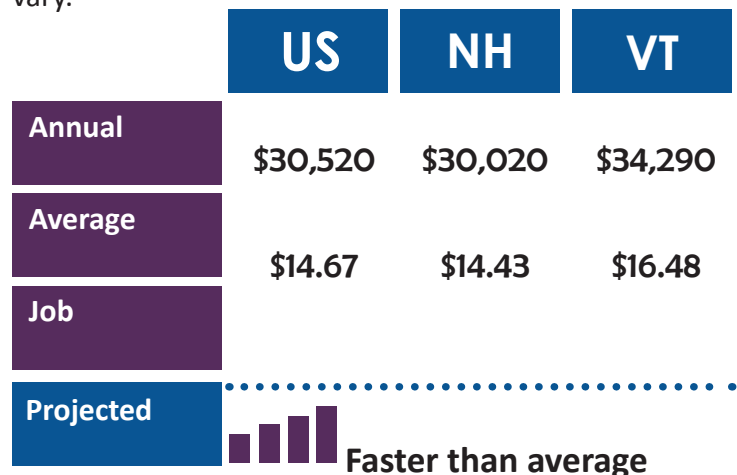
- Child Care Centers
- Head Start Programs
- Family Child Care Homes
- Parent Cooperatives
- After-School Programs
- Nursery Schools

## Paths for Transfer

Graduates of the program are prepared for continued study beyond the associate degree. More information on transfer options and articulation agreements is available through the program director, Kerry Belknap Morris.

## Career Outlook

Due to extreme staff shortages over recent years, there is a high demand for early childhood educators. Depending on the selected career path, salaries may vary.



Career Data sources in 2020 from www.bls.gov  
Salaries reflect median wages

# Early Childhood Education Associate in Science Degree Requirements

First Year Fall Semester		CL	LAB	CR
ECE101R	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	0	3
ECE102R	Child Growth & Development	3	0	3
HSV123R	Supportive Communications Skills	3	0	3
ENGL102R	College Composition *	3	0	3-4
MATHxxxR	Math Elective*	3-4	0	3-4
First Year Spring Semester		CL	LAB	CR
ECE103R	Health, Safety & Nutrition for the Young Child	3	0	3
ECE104R	Curriculum for Early Childhood Care & Education*	3	0	3
ECE105R	Children with Special Needs and Their Families	3	0	3
PSYC101R	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
SCIxxxR	Science Elective*	3-4	0	3-4
Second Year Fall Semester		CL	LAB	CR
ECE120R	Learning Behavior & Positive Guidance	3	0	3
ECE203R	Early Language & Literacy Development*	3	0	3
ECE 190R OR 191R	Practicum I* OR Work Experience Practicum I*	1	0	3
ECE2xxR	ECE 200 Level Elective	3	0	3
XXXxxxR	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3	0	3
Second Year Spring Semester		CL	LAB	CR
ECE 290R OR 291R	Practicum II* OR Work Experience Practicum II*	0	0	3
ECE220R	Early Childhood Practicum Seminar*	2	0	2
ECE2xxR	ECE 200 Level Elective	3	0	3
ENGL286R	Children's Literature*	3	0	3
PSYC114R	Human Development	3	0	3
XXXXxxxR	English/Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language/Science/ Mathematics or Social Science Elective	3	0	3-4

\*Pre-/Co-requisites required. See Course Descriptions. Program of study is subject to change.

\*\*If you have transferred in 3-credit classes, you may need to take an additional course to satisfy the 60-credit degree minimum. Please consult with your advisor.

**Admission Requirements:** Request transcripts from high school and/or college be directly sent to RVCC.

There are 4 courses in the **ECE Level 1 Certificate Program** and 8 courses in the **ECE Level II Certificate Program**.

RVCC also has a **\*NEW\*** 6 course **ECE Infant and Toddler Certificate Program**.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program is available on our website: [www.rivervalley.edu](http://www.rivervalley.edu).

The Early Childhood Education Degree & Certificate Programs offer varied delivery formats, and face-to-face class meeting sites ensure accessibility.



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