



SUNY NIAGARA

Early Childhood Studies, Cert.

Overview

The certificate in Early Childhood Studies is structured to provide a solid understanding of child development and how children learn in the context of diverse families and communities through course assignments and observations in the field. Coursework provides a balance of skills in writing, communication and mathematics. In completing this certificate, students fulfill the state requirement for Child Abuse Identification and Reporting, Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE).

Careers

Careers related to your program of study:

- After School Teacher
- Child and Family Social Worker
- Childcare Director
- Education Coordinator at a Child Care Center
- Family Day Care Provider
- Personal Aide for a Young Child
- Preschool Teacher, Child Care Teacher, Infant Teacher
- Social and Human Services Assistant
- Teachers Assistant

Some careers may require more specialized education.

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Visit full catalog for specific course offerings for each semester:

<https://sunyniagara.edu/courses/early-childhood-studies-certificate/>

<https://tinyurl.com/muuzfdje>

The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year. 3/10/2026

Program Requirements

First Semester

ECE 250 – Birth to Age 6	4
ECE 212 – Literacy & Language Development in Early Childhood Education	2
ECE 200 – Early Childhood Education Internship	4
ECE 205 – Observing & Recording Children’s Behavior	1
ECE 215 – Leadership Skills for Teachers	1
ECE 220 – Career Portfolio Development	1
____ ____ - ECE or HUS Elective	1
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Total Credit Hours:	15 Cr.

Second Semester

EDU 120 – Disabilities Birth to Adolescence OR HUS 120 - Disabilities Birth to Adolescence	3
ECE 211 – Understanding Identity in Early Development	2
____ ____ - Free Elective	3
ECE 116 – Classroom Behavior & Management	2
____ ____ - ECE or HUS Elective	3
____ ____ - Free Elective	3
Total Credit Hours:	16 Cr.