

Early Childhood Education Cohort Program



If you want to make a difference in a child's life and in your community ...

There's a place for you.



Never in history have both the demand for teachers and the opportunity for a career in teaching been greater.

Triton College's Early Childhood Education Cohort Program is designed for those interested in teaching young children as they begin their educational journey. Unlike traditional Education programs, the ECE Cohort Program is designed with students that are juggling work, family, and other responsibilities in mind. Triton's ECE Cohort Program offers courses focusing on child development, health and safety, working with children with special needs, creating developmentally appropriate activities and many others. Having the Child Development Center and Lab School on campus provides students with hands-on learning experiences in a high-quality program as they complete their coursework.

Key Features of the ECE A.A.S. Cohort Program

- Courses offered online in an accelerated seven-week format
- Scholarships and grants can make the program affordable.
- Flexible locations of field sites and practical experiences.
- On-site child care.
- Transfer articulations with four-year institutions.

Upon completion of the cohort, students will graduate with the following credentials:

- Gateways to Opportunity Level IV ECE Credential.
- Gateways to Opportunity Level II Infant and Toddler Credential.
- An Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education (A.A.S.) Degree.

In addition, upon graduation students who complete two additional courses will earn the:

- Gateways Illinois Director Level I Credential & Early Childhood Administration and Management Advanced Certificate.

What is a Cohort?

A cohort consists of a group of students working together in the same program, progressing through the same academic curriculum and finishing their degree together. It will take a total of two years to complete the program to be eligible to transfer to a four-year institution.



For more information, contact **Hunter Stuckemeyer** at hunterstuckemeyer@triton.edu, or scan the QR code on the left.

Students with work experience in the early childhood field and who are registered with Gateways may qualify for **100% of their tuition covered!**



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Upon completion of this program, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree as well as a Level IV Gateways to Opportunity Credential.

PROPOSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION A.A.S. COHORT PROGRAM MAP

YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1 – First 8 Weeks

ECE 110	Early Child Development	3 credits
ECE 111	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3 credits

SEMESTER 1 – Second 8 Weeks

ECE 153	Guiding Children and Managing the Classroom	1 credit
ECE 118	Health, Nutrition & Safety	3 credits
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits

Total Credit Hours –13 credits

SEMESTER 2 – First 8 Weeks

ECE 115	Infant Toddler Development	3 credits
ECE 146	Child, Family & Community	3 credits

SEMESTER 2 – Second 8 Weeks

Gateways to Opportunity Level II Infant and Toddler Credential earned after this semester.

ECE 122	Infant & Toddler Care and Curriculum	3 credits
ECE 142	Students with Disabilities in School	3 credits

Total Credit Hours –12 credits

SEMESTER 3 – Summer

MAT 116*	Math for Elementary School Teachers I	3 credits
RHT 101*	Freshman Rhetoric & Composition I	3 credits

Total Credit Hours – 6 credits

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 4 – First 8 Weeks

ECE 231	Science and Math for Young Children	3 credits
ECE 121	Language Development & Activities	3 credits

SEMESTER 4 – Second 8 Weeks

ECE 233	Creative Activities for the Young Child	3 credits
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SEMESTER 4 – 16 Weeks

ECE 138**	Observation, Assessment, Curriculum and Guidance of Young Children	3.5 credits
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Total Credit Hours –12.5 credits

SEMESTER 5 – 16 Weeks

ECE 251**	Practicum (Hybrid Format)	5 credits
LIT 170*	Introduction to Children's Literature	3 credits

SEMESTER 5 – Second 8 Weeks

MUS 110	Listening to Music	3 credits
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Total Credit Hours – 11 credits

SEMESTER 6 – Summer

SPE 101	Principles of Effective Speaking	3 credits
MAT 117*	Math for Elementary School Teachers II	3 credits

Total Credit Hours – 6 credits

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION – 60.5 CREDITS

*Students who do not place at college level for RHT and MAT may need to take additional classes which may extend program completion time.

**Supervised experience hours for ECE 138 and ECE 251 are completed in an early childhood classroom setting.

If employed within the early childhood field, you may be eligible to complete these hours at your place of employment.