

Why Choose P.I.T. for your Early Childhood Education Associate Degree?

✓ **Intimate Learning
Environment and Family
Atmosphere**

✓ **Learn at Your Own Pace
with In-Class, Online and
Blended Learning**

✓ **Free Tutoring**

✓ **Experienced Instructors**

✓ **Earn your Child
Development Associate
(CDA) Credential**

A.S. Early Childhood Education

Be the catalyst of childhood learning.

Whether you want to advance your career upon graduation or transfer your credits into a Pennsylvania Department of Education teacher certification program, P.I.T. can get you there.

What can I do with a degree in Early Childhood Education?

The associate degree in Early Childhood Education prepares students to be effective teachers, aides, and other professionals working with children from infancy through approximately nine years of age. This program of study provides the foundation for understanding the fundamentals of child growth and development from birth through the primary years. Additionally, this Early Childhood Education associate degree program emphasizes the importance of curriculum planning and development; the value of observing, assessing, and documenting child learning and development; and the significance of communications and interpersonal skills among children.

What kind of career can I expect when I graduate?

Upon completion of this program, graduates are prepared to work as:

- Teachers in child care centers
- Instructors in Head Start programs
- Instructional aides
- Teacher assistants
- Childcare Practitioners

Certain courses of this program may prepare students to meet the requirements in order to earn the Child Development (CDA) specialized diploma awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition. Students who successfully

complete the requirements for this diploma may work as entry level professionals in the early childhood education profession while continuing to complete the associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

Where can I go after earning my degree at P.I.T.?

Graduates seeking to be certified teachers may transfer credits and complete a Pennsylvania Department of Education teacher certification program at a four-year college that offers a bachelor's degree program.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

Associate in Science A.S.

Recommended Course Sequence

Code	Course (Credits)	Children (3)
ECE 101	Intro. to Early Childhood Education (3)	ECE 201 Development and Learning of Infants and Toddlers (3)
ENG 108	Composition (3)	PSY 112 Educational Psychology (3)
SIT 203	Basic Office Software Applications (3)	ECE 223 Special Education for Children (3)
ECE 107	Early Childhood Development and Learning (3)	MTH 207 Statistics (3)
HUM 140	Critical Thinking in the Modern Age (3)	_____ Free Elective (3)
PSY 105	Introduction to Psychology (3)	ECE 225 Wellness and Nutrition for Young Children (3)
ECE 114	Role of Child, Family and Community (3)	ECE 226 Engaging Young Children in Learning the Learning Process (3)
MTH 145	College Algebra and Trigonometry (3)	ECE 227 Early Childhood Seminar (3)
PSY 109	Human Growth and Development (3)	PROGRAM TOTAL 63
COM 108	Communications, Social Interaction (3)	*Prerequisite coursework is required.
ECE 117	Language and Literacy Development in Young Children (3)	NOTE: Additional course(s) may be required based on the results of a placement test.
ENG 215	Analytical Writing (3)	
ESC 123	Assessment of Learning in Young	

Course Highlights

ECE 101—Introduction to Early Childhood Education

This course focuses on the scope and need for early childhood education, the influences on the development of children that include families, teachers, and caregivers; the creative, physical, cognitive, language of and social development of children through curricula development; and guiding social behaviors in children.

ECE 223—Special Education for Children

In this course students are introduced to the field of special education focusing on the characteristics of students with specific disabilities or challenges in their development. The focus of the course also includes specialized instruction and other services designed to meet specific children's needs. Ten hours of observation are required in this course.

ECE 226—Engaging Young Children in the Learning Process

This course focuses on strategies for engaging children in the learning process. Effective strategies for developing rapport and active participation will be presented. Students will also identify positive and stimulating learning environments to enhance the engagement of children in the learning process.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that all students participating in the observation and interaction with children provide the documentation listed below.

- FBI Criminal Background Check
- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
- TB (Tuberculin) skin test

TUITION INFORMATION

Number of Terms in Program
Traditional – 7 Terms

Academic or Certification Achievement

Associate Degree for transfer to university or for employment

Tuition and Fees for Associate Degree Programs

- Tuition: \$380 per credit hour, plus tech fees
- Graduation Fee: \$100
- Excludes books and supplies