

## Early Childhood Education Certificate – Student Learning Outcomes

Students who complete a certificate in Early Childhood Education will:

- be prepared to be an effective assistant in a preschool environment
- be able to identify children's individual development in the various domains and anticipate emerging development
- recognize multiple influences on development and children's individual characteristics
- be able to create a physically and emotionally healthy environment for young children
- know some characteristics of families and have basic skills in assisting children and families
- be able to use systematic observations, authentic documentation, reflection, and other effective, ethical assessment strategies in a responsible way
- be able to establish a positive, authentic relationship with each child as the foundation for their work with children
- know and use the core concepts, inquiry tools and structures of content areas or academic disciplines
- be able to use the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct in conjunction with other professional standards to guide their practice
- use technology effectively as a professional resource
- have documented opportunities to observe and practice in at least two of the three early childhood age groups
- have documented opportunities to promote development and learning in an early childhood setting including at least one of the following: early school grades, child care centers and home and Head Start programs