

Early Childhood Education—Transfer Degree (ECT)

This program satisfies the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education -Early Childhood Education Transfer Compact for transfer to a state college or university bachelor degree program (nursery school to grade 2). Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers play a vital role in the development of children, introducing them to numbers, language, science, and social studies. They facilitate student learning through interactive class discussions, educational activities, "hands-on" learning, and one-on-one assistance. The need for qualified teachers continues to grow because of retirements, increasing student numbers, and demands for smaller class sizes. Benefits of MWCC's program include: day, evening, and distance learning options; day classes scheduled conveniently for parents of school-age children; opportunities to gain real world experience; and a strong liberal arts & sciences curriculum for more effective transfer.

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
ECE101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
	BIO109, EAS115, or EAS125	4			BIO Prerequisites: ENG098, FYE101, MAT092, RDG098, or placement EAS Prerequisites: ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
PSY108	Child Development	3			PSY105
ECE103	Home, School, and Community Relations	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
MAT140	Elements of Mathematics I	3			MAT096 or placement
PSY244	Children With Special Needs	3			Prerequisites: PSY108 or PSY110 Note: Must be taken in the fall
ECE102	Early Childhood Curriculum and Program Planning	3			PSY108 or permission of division dean
THE113	Speech	3			ENG101
ECE114	Early Childhood Practicum I	4			ECE102 (or co-requisite), PSY108, or permission of division dean
MAT141 or higher	Elements of Math II or higher	3			MAT140
ART109 or ART110 or MUS103	Art History I or Art History II or Music Skills and Theory I	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement No prerequisites
PHY101 or PHY105	Introduction to Physical Science or College Physics I	4			Prerequisites: ENG098, FYE101, MAT092, RDG098, or placement
SOC206	Marriage and the Family	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
ENG235	Children's Literature	3			ENG102 or permission of division dean
HIS201	History of United States I	3			ENG098, FYE101, RDG098, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, and Wellness Elective	2/3			Prerequisites: FYE101, MAT092, RDG098, or placement Note: PER130 is recommended for transfer
ECE124	Early Childhood Education Practicum II	4			Prerequisite: ECE114 or permission of division dean Notes: Not required, but recommended to receive EEC Lead Teacher Certification; for transfer to Fitchburg State University, ECE124 is required to meet the articulation agreement
Total: 69/70 credits					

See page 112 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards.

Campus/format: A majority of this program can be completed during the day or evening at the Gardner Campus.

Transfer options: Completion of this program will meet the Massachusetts Early Childhood Education Transfer Compact (some restrictions apply; check with your advisor or transfer services). This program qualifies for MassTransfer (see page 45 for more information). Transfer agreements exist with Becker College, Charter Oak State College, Fitchburg State University, and the University of Phoenix.

Visit MWCC's transfer services website: <http://transfer.mwcc.edu>.

3 Plus ONE eligible—go to: www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE.

Special requirements: Satisfactory completion of the Communication and Literacy (CLST) section of the Mass Tests of Educator Licensure (MTEL) is required for transfer into a four-year educational program prior to entrance to junior-level courses. The exam is not a prerequisite to enter MWCC's program. Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations.

Career options: After earning a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and meeting Massachusetts Department of Education teacher requirements, graduates can pursue careers as teachers in pre-kindergarten to grade two.

Earning potential: \$43,580 to \$48,690.