

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			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
	BIO109, EAS115, or EAS125	4			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
PSY108	Child Development	3			PSY105
ECE103	Home, School, and Community Relations	3			ECE101 or permission of division dean
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, 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			PSY108, ECE102 or co-requisite, or permission of division dean
MAT141 or higher	Elements of Math II or higher	3			MAT140 for MAT141; MAT096 for MAT143 or MAT128 for MAT163 or higher
ART109 or ART110 or MUS103	Art History I or Art History II or Music Skills and Theory I	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement No prerequisites
PHY101 or PHY105	Introduction to Physical Science or College Physics I	4			Prerequisites: ENG100, MAT096, RDG100, FYE101, or placement Co-requisite MAT092
SOC206	Marriage and the Family	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
ENG235	Children's Literature	3			ENG102 or permission of division dean
HIS201	History of United States I	3			ENG100, RDG100, FYE101, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, and Wellness Elective	2/3			Prerequisites: MAT092, RDG100, or placement Note: PER130 is recommended for transfer
ECE124	Early Childhood Education Practicum II	4			Prerequisites: ECE114 or permission of division dean Note: Not required, but recommended to receive EEC Lead Teacher Certification For transfer to Fitchburg State University, ECE124 is required to meet 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.* 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 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 2.

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

* See page 45 for MassTransfer information.