





“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.” – Maria Montessori

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Early childhood educators have a significant impact on cognitive and literacy development in children from birth through age four. The Santa Fe College Early Childhood Education (ECE) program will prepare you to make a difference in the life of a child. If you are already working with young children, the program provides an opportunity to refresh your knowledge and learn new skills. If you are looking to start your career in early childhood education, the program will allow you to acquire practical experience as well as a basic pre-professional education. In addition to the degree programs in early childhood education, we also offer the Educator Preparation Institute, which prepares those with a bachelor's degree to teach in the K-12 school system.

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES DEFINED

VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VC)

The Vocational Certificate (VC) is a program of instruction consisting of postsecondary adult vocational courses to prepare students for entry into employment. The VC does not require 60 credit hours of college course work. However, students must meet specific basic skills requirements in English, mathematics, and writing. The VC certificate typically takes 6 months to 2 years to complete.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (A.S.)

The A.S. degree program is designed to get you ready for a career, but in some cases such as nursing, may transfer to a bachelor's program. A.S. programs are a good balance of general education coursework and hands-on training with the end goal of preparing you to enter the workforce with a competitive skill set.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (B.S.)

A bachelor's degree is the highest degree you can achieve in undergraduate education. For most, a bachelor's degree at SF is the next step after obtaining an A.A. or an A.S. degree. It allows students to continue to build skills and advance in a career field.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Early Childhood Education
- Educator Preparation Institute



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science program in Early Childhood Education prepares you for careers such as a lead teacher or director of an early learning center, an early childhood education specialist, and teacher or supervisor for Head Start. In this program, you will learn from skilled professionals and gain a year of practical experience through a hands-on internship. Applicants must have completed an A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education or an A.A. degree with at least a 2.5 GPA. Additional admission requirements apply.

BENEFITS OF EARNING YOUR B.S. IN Early Childhood Education

- Flexible course options let you tailor classes to your personal schedule.
- An affordable bachelor's degree can prepare you for graduate school.

TIME TO COMPLETION: Four Years

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (A.S.)

The Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Education prepares you to teach young children from birth through age four, and qualifies you for staff or director credentials through the Florida Department of Children and Families. You will complete coursework related to early childhood education and gain hands-on field experience.

BENEFITS OF EARNING YOUR A.S. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Simultaneously earn your Vocational Certificate in Child Development Early Intervention.
- Transfer into the SF Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education program.

TIME TO COMPLETION: Two years



CHILD DEVELOPMENT EARLY INTERVENTION



VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE (VC)

Early intervention helps professionals recognize and respond to children with special needs. The Early Intervention VC prepares you to assist children with developmental delays and complies with eligibility for the Florida Childcare Professional Credential. By working with an academic advisor to choose specific courses, you can earn a vocational certificate in Child Development Early Intervention while earning your A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education.

TIME TO COMPLETION: Three semesters

FLORIDA CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL (FCCPC)

In a childcare setting, at least one caregiver must have the Florida Child Care Professional Credential for every 20 children. Earning your FCCPC can make you a highly valued applicant for potential employers. In the FCCPC program, you will work one-on-one with a faculty member and an advisor to complete the credentialing requirements established by the Council for Professional Recognition in early childhood in as little as one semester. Credits earned can apply toward the A.S. in Early Childhood Education or VC in Early Intervention.

TIME TO COMPLETION: Two semesters



EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTE

The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) is an alternative teacher certification program. Through EPI, you will earn a Florida Professional Educator Certificate and be prepared to teach in the K-12 system. Classes meet in the evening and online to accommodate those who work full time. All of our instructors are current and former teachers in local schools, so they are familiar with the school system and understand the realities of today's classrooms. In addition to classroom learning, you will complete a 40-hour field experience in the K-12 system.

To qualify for the EPI program, you must have at least a 2.5 GPA with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, pass the general knowledge test, and clear a level 2 background check.

TIME TO COMPLETION: Go at your own pace (6 months - 3 years)



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