

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

CHILDCARE SPECIALIST

Certificate of Achievement



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The Childcare Specialist Certificate at CCM is an in-depth credential for the current or aspiring early childhood professional. It is designed to accommodate the new high-school graduate as well as those who may be returning to school after a period of time. Students in this program have found careers in the private and public sectors of education relating to children ages birth through eight. Many of them are teaching in childcare centers and preschool settings.

This 34-credit certificate meets the educational requirements to be a group teacher in a childcare program and is also a great foundation for other child-related careers. Candidates study a variety of topics related to developmentally appropriate practice such as child psychology, guidance, curriculum and instruction. The student may choose to begin their studies with the certificate program and then continue on to complete their associate degree at CCM.

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Curriculum Checklist: www.ccm.edu/checksheets

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Before and After Care Teacher
- Childcare Teacher
- Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Preschool Teacher

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WHY STUDY CHILDCARE AT CCM?

The Early Childhood Programs provide outstanding instruction and experiential learning to prepare students for advanced study and child-related careers in a diverse and changing world. The curriculum is aligned with state and national standards and blends academic and professional preparation in a wide variety of courses. Courses are interactive with small class sizes, and offer on campus, evening, hybrid, and online options.

Faculty are also affiliated with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), New Jersey Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators, and the National Association for Teacher Educators at an Associate Level (ACCESS).

WHERE YOU CAN GO!

Completing the Childcare Specialist Certificate of Achievement at CCM is the first step toward a career as an early childhood professional as well as many other child-related careers. In addition to supporting you in coursework, faculty are available to guide you in your additional education and career goals. The Early Childhood Programs at CCM have excellent relationships with many four-year institutions for graduates to transfer credits towards a bachelors degree.



CURRICULUM

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

COMMUNICATIONS (3 CR)

English Composition I	ENG 111	3
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SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 CR)

General Psychology	PSY 113	3
Child Psychology	PSY 213	3
Principles of Sociology	SOC 120	3

GENERAL EDUCATION DIVERSITY ELECTIVES (6 CR)

Choose two courses from the following:

Children's Literature	OR	ENG 118	3
The Family	OR	SOC 209	3
Psychology and Education of the Disabled		PSY 116	3

CHILDCARE SPECIALIST CORE (16 CR)

Early Childhood Development	CDC 110	3	
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning	CDC 210	3	
Effective Preschool Practices	CDC 220	3	
Music in Early Childhood	OR	MUS 129	3
Educational Psychology	PSY 217		
Cooperative Education Work Experience	CDC 228	3	
Cooperative Education Related Class	CDC 229	1	

TOTAL

34

Note: You must see a faculty advisor to plan your sequence of courses. For the most up-to-date listing of courses, see the Curriculum Checklist for this program on the CCM website at www.ccm.edu/checksheets.