

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Science



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at CCM is an excellent starting point for those pursuing teacher certification. Students can transfer to earn a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and/or Elementary Education. This foundation prepares students to become preK-3 and/or K-6 teachers in public and private sectors. Many students also elect to pursue Special Education Certification upon transfer.

Early Childhood Education is a multidisciplinary field. Candidates develop theoretical and practical knowledge in areas such as child development, humanities, mathematics, technology, social sciences, biological sciences, the arts and multicultural/global perspectives.

WHY STUDY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT CCM?

The Early Childhood Program provides outstanding instruction and experiential learning to prepare students for advanced study and childhood related careers in a diverse and changing world. The curriculum includes 300 hours of field experience which is aligned with 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 size, and offer face-to-face, evening, hybrid and online options.

CCM faculty are 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).

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This degree program prepares students to pursue the following careers in a P-3 and K-6 environment and is an excellent starting point towards Teacher Certification.

- Assistant Teacher
- Before and After Care Teacher
- Childcare Teacher
- Head Start/ Early Head Start Teacher
- Kindergarten - Grade 6 Teacher
- Paraprofessional/Aid
- Preschool Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Substitute Teacher

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WHERE YOU CAN GO!

Graduates with an A.S. in Early Childhood Education from CCM benefit from New Jersey's Statewide Transfer Agreement. This means that the general education requirements will be waived at New Jersey public colleges and universities, allowing students to transfer in with junior standing. In addition, many out-of-state institutions also accept CCM credits.

CCM Early Childhood Education students frequently transfer to the following colleges and universities.

In State:

- Montclair State University
- Ramapo College
- Rowan University
- William Paterson University

Out of State:

- East Stroudsburg University, PA
- Florida International University, FL
- George Mason University, VA

For more information on Transfer Services, visit <https://www.ccm.edu/student-support/transfer-services/>.

CURRICULUM - 2940

General Education Foundation (33 CR)

COMMUNICATION (6 CR)

English Composition I	ENG 111	3
English Composition II	ENG 112	3

MATH/SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY (9 CR)

Mathematics Elective for Liberal Arts		4
Laboratory Science Elective		4

HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE (12 CR)

General Psychology	PSY 113	3
Principles of Sociology	SOC 120	3
Choose from General Education course list (Humanities)		6

GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES (6 CR)

Speech Fundamentals	COM 109	3
Elective		3

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CORE (27 CR)

Child Psychology	PSY 213	3
Educational Psychology	PSY 217	3
Early Childhood Development	CDC 110	3
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning	CDC 210	3
Effective Preschool Practices	OR CDC 220	3
Special Topics in Psychology	PSY 291	3
Teaching in America	EDU 111	3
Behavioral Observation in Education	EDU 211	3
Music in Early Childhood	MUS 129	3
Cooperative Education Work Experience*	CDC 228	3
Psych and Ed of the Disabled	PSY 116	3

TOTAL

60

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.