

Early Childhood Education (10-307-1)

Associate of Applied Science

Effective 2026/2027

The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at <https://www.gtc.edu/early-childhood-education>. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

O=Online, R-E = Racine/evenings F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq-before/ coreq-with)	Notes	O	R-E
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.	S	F
1	*307-148	3	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education		Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses.	S	F
1	*307-167	3	ECE: Health, Safety & Nutrition		Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses.	S	F
1	*307-179	3	ECE: Child Development		- Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. - Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses.	S	F
1	*307-160	3	ECE: Field Experience 1	Coreq: 307-148; 307-167; 801-136	- Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. - Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses. - Admitted students must submit an Official High School Transcript or GED/HSED Credential, including a graduation or passing date and complete a WI Department of Children and Families Background Check prior to registering for this course. Additional details regarding these requirements can be found under Admission Requirements on the Early Childhood Program Page.	S*	F*
1	801-136	3	English Composition 1	Prereq: 831-103 OR 851-757	Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	S	F
2	*307-110	3	ECE: Soc S, Art, and Music			F	S
2	*307-188	3	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior		Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.	F	S
2	*307-108	3	ECE: Early Language & Literacy			F	S
2	*307-170	3	ECE: Field Experience 2	Prereq: 307-160 Coreq: 307-179		F*	S*
2	804-134	3	Mathematical Reasoning	Prereq: 854-760	Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	F	S

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3	*307-151	3	ECE: Infant & Toddler Development			S	F
3	*307-195	3	ECE: Family and Community Relationships			S	F
3	*307-112	3	ECE: STEM	Coreq: 307-148		S	F
3	*307-190	3	ECE: Field Experience 3	Prereq: 307-170; 801-136 Coreq: 307-151; 804-134 OR 804-135		S+	F+
3	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	S	F
4	*307-187	3	ECE: Children with Differing Abilities			F	S
4	*307-210	3	ECE: Field Experience 4	Prereq: 307-108; 307-110; 307-112; 307-190		F+	S+
4	801-196	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication			F	S
4	809-196	3	Sociology, Introduction to	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	• Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.	F	S
4	XXX-XXX	3	Elective Course	Take 3 credits at the associate degree level. Suggested electives listed on back.		F	S

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 61

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Early Childhood Education prepares students to work as teacher-caregivers in early childhood settings. It combines hands-on fieldwork in area centers with related academic work at the college. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. They create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning activities, and work cooperatively with staff and parents.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 Apply child development theory to practice.
- 2 Cultivate relationships with children, family, and the community.
- 3 Assess child growth and development.
- 4 Use best practices in teaching and learning.
- 5 Demonstrate professionalism.
- 6 Integrate health, safety, and nutrition practices.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- 1 Communication Competence
- 2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 3 Professionalism and Career Management
- 4 Teamwork and Collaboration
- 5 Cultural Competence
- 6 Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

- 1 Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
- 2 Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
- 3 Prior to registration in core program courses, students must complete a background check and submit an official high school, GED or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
- 4 Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

Graduation Requirements

- 1 Minimum 61 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- 2 *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- 3 Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

Notes

- 1 Background checks for the ECE program are valid for five years.
- 2 Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses.
- 3 Complete the State of Wisconsin Background Check Request. Once complete print the document to physically sign it and email it to admissionsgroup@gtc.edu with Early Childhood Education BCR in the subject line. Directions for ordering your Background Check will be sent to the mailing address you provide on your Background Check Request. Please email your Preliminary or Final Background Check-Eligibility Letter to admissionsgroup@gtc.edu with Early Childhood Education Background Check in the subject line.
- 4 Gateway has many articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities. If you are planning on transferring to a four-year institution please review this information online at gtc.edu/transfer. If an institution is not listed, please contact them directly to see which courses transfer. You may also contact your advisor for more information.

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