Early Childhood Education (10-307-1)
Associate of Applied Science
Effective 2023/2024

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.).

O=Online, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	O
1	890-155	1	⚑ Gateway to Success (G2S)		F/S
1	*307-148	3	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education[3,5]		F/S
1	*307-167	3	ECE: Health, Safety & Nutrition[3]		F/S
1	*307-179	3	ECE: Child Development[3]		F/S
1	*307-160	3	ECE: Field Experience 1[3,5]	Coreq: 307-148; 307-167; 801-136	F[+]/S
1	801-136	3	English Composition 1[1,5]	Prereq: 831-103 OR 831-107	F/S
2	*307-110	3	ECE: Soc S, Art, and Music		S/F
2	*307-188	3	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior		S/F
2	*307-108	3	ECE: Early Language & Literacy		S/F
2	*307-170	3	ECE: Field Experience 2[5]	Prereq: 307-160 Coreq: 307-179	S[+]/F
2	804-135	3	Quantitative Reasoning[1,5]	Prereq: 834-109	S/F
3	*307-151	3	ECE: Infant & Toddler Development		F/S
3	*307-195	3	ECE: Family and Community Relationships		F/S
3	*307-112	3	ECE: STEM	Coreq: 307-148	F/S
3	*307-190	3	ECE: Field Experience 3[5]	Prereq: 307-170; 801-136; 804-135; Coreq: 307-151	F[+]/S
3	809-198	3	Psychology, Introduction to[1,5]	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107	F/S
4	*307-187	3	ECE: Children with Differing Abilities		S/F
4	*307-210	3	ECE: Field Experience 4	Prereq: 307-108; 307-110; 307-112; 307-190	S[+]/F
4	801-196	3	Oral/Interpersonal Communication		S/F
4	809-196	3	Sociology, Introduction to[1,5]	Prereq: 838-105 OR 831-107	S/F
4	XXX-XXX	3	Elective Course	Take 3 credits at the associate degree level. Suggested electives listed on back.	S/F

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 61

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the back of the sheet.

⚑ Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.

⚑ = Milestone Course. Faculty have identified this course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.

(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.

([+]) indicates students will complete off site -daytime student teaching requirements in an early care and education program. Please see an advisor for details.

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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:

- Communication Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Cultural Competence
- 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. Students must complete and pay for a Criminal Background Check through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and submit an official letter of eligibility. Applicants of this program are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue this career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
4. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 61 credits with an average of 2.0 or above.
- *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- 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.

Suggested Electives

307-141 ECE: Special Healthcare Needs	307-181 ECE: Child Care Operations Management
307-169 ECE: Infant/Toddler Group Care	

Notes

1. Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
2. Background checks for the ECE program are valid for five years.
3. Students must submit all health and immunization forms prior to the first day of attending all first-semester courses.
4. 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.
5. A credit for prior learning assessment is available for this course. For more information, please contact cfpl@gtc.edu.
6. 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.