

# CHILD CARE, Certificate Program - 5180

## *Social Sciences Division*

Students are prepared with skills needed to work with groups of children in childcare settings such as daycare centers, nursery schools, and family daycare homes. The program is also appropriate for persons who are employed as aides in daycare centers and who would like to become assistant group supervisors (in accordance with Department of Public Welfare regulations). All courses in the curriculum may be applied toward an AA degree in Early Childhood Education, and students who elect to complete the degree program may qualify for employment as center directors and group supervisors. This program requires the student to submit Act 33 Child Abuse and Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Checks prior to the start of a lab or field experience or obtaining employment. The student should consider this factor before enrolling in this program. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Program Director. The complete program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon and York Campuses, selected courses are offered at the Gettysburg Campus.

## *Career Opportunities*

Graduates of this program can obtain employment as a Child Care or Head Start Assistant or family care provider.

## *Competency Profile*

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Demonstrate competencies needed to work as assistant group supervisors in a childcare setting
- Plan and supervise curricular activities for preschool children based on understanding normal growth patterns and developmental needs
- Provide a safe, healthy learning environment
- Manage children's behavior in positive ways that support social and emotional development
- Communicate and work with children, their parents, and staff members

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 31)**

<b>General Education</b>		<b>Major</b>	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	<u>3</u>	EDUC 122 Child Observation Strategies	1
	3	EDUC 231 The Early Childhood Professional	3
		EDUC 232 Development and Behavior of Children: Birth-12 years	3
		EDUC 240 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
		EDUC 242 Health, Safety and Nutrition in Early Childhood Education	3
		EDUC 254 Creative Experience in ECE	3
		EDUC 124 EDUC Lab: Creative Arts	1
		EDUC 256 Early Childhood Literacy & Language Arts	3
		EDUC 126 EDUC Lab: Literacy & Language Arts	1
		EDUC 258 Curriculum Development in ECE	3
		EDUC 128 EDUC Lab: Curriculum Development	1
		CIS 109 Integrating Technology into the K-12 Classroom <b>or</b>	
		EDUC 132 Fundamentals of Family Child Care <b>or</b>	
		EDUC 134 Fundamentals of School-Age Child Care <b>or</b>	
		EDUC 247 Introduction for Young Children with Special Needs <b>or</b>	
		EDUC 248 Mathematics and Science for Young Children <b>or</b>	
		EDUC 250 Family Focused Infant and Toddler Care	3-4
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