

Early Childhood Education

Program Mission

The mission of the GBC Early Childhood Program is to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively and professionally with young children, their families, and their communities.

Successful completion of the Early Childhood Education Certificate and degrees are designed to qualify students for such employment opportunities as paraprofessionals, teachers, and/or directors in child care centers, pre-schools, and home-based programs.

Student Learning Outcomes

- **Human Growth and Development**
Recognize individual variations and potential special needs of developing children and the many factors that can influence their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth.
- **Positive Interaction and Guidance**
Apply positive guidance techniques in accordance to children's ages and developmental levels.
- **Observation and Assessment**
Recognize the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment in early childhood environments through the implementation of systematic observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment strategies.
- **Environment and Curriculum**
Plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum supported by the Nevada Preschool Standards and utilize strategies that are characteristic of high quality classroom environments.
- **Family and Community Relationships**
Examine strategies for building respectful, reciprocal relationships with families by implementing culturally sensitive practices and policies.
- **Leadership and Professional Development**
Explore and practice principles of effective leadership and advocacy in early childhood education, and seek employment in the field of Early Childhood Education.

Education

Associate of Arts – Early Childhood Education
(Pattern of Study)

Student Learning Outcomes



