

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, preschools, 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.

