Program
Graduates of Rhodes State College’s Early Childhood Education Program are qualified for certification as preschool teachers, assistant teachers, directors, or staff members of child-care programs. They may also work as paraprofessionals in public schools and as teachers or assistant teachers in several federal programs, such as Head Start and Early Head Start. A degree in Early Childhood Education prepares you with the skills necessary to help cultivate healthy growth in children by shaping their lives and the communities that they live in for the better.

The course of study includes: theories of child growth and development, theoretical coursework, integrated curriculum, and programming for children with emphasis on ages birth through 5 years.

Based on guidelines set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, coursework is sensitive to the special needs and diversity of today’s children and families and emphasizes developmentally appropriate curriculum design and instructional skill. The program is accredited by The Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Admissions Requirements
1. General college requirements (See the General Admissions Procedures in the General Information section of the College catalog).
2. A minimum 2.0 grade point average for previous college coursework from all colleges including courses taken at Rhodes State College. Students below a 2.0 GPA may apply to the Pre-Early Childhood Education program. (See your academic advisor for information on Pre-ECE).
3. Applicants are required to complete Rhodes State College placement testing prior to admissions.
4. Applicants who complete testing and need developmental course support will be placed in Pre-ECE coursework. Students must meet all developmental course requirements.
5. Provide ECE faculty with the following:
   • Completed medical statement (O.D.J.F.S. form 1296), completed and signed by a licensed physician (includes the results of a Mantoux skin test).
   • Completed Child Day Care Non-Conviction Statement (O.D.J.F.S. form 1301)
   • Completed background checks for teacher licensure with Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and a FBI check is also required
   • Completed Good Moral Character form
   • Copy of high school diploma, GED, or equivalency (All necessary forms can be obtained from ECE faculty.)

Students are encouraged to meet with the ECE academic advisor prior to registration each term.

Curriculum
First Year
First Semester Hours
COM 1110  English Composition  3
EDU 1000  Introduction to Education  3
EDU 1080  Classroom Management and Guidance  3
EDU 2040  Administration & Health Management  3
PSY 1010  General Psychology  3
SDE 1010  First Year Experience  1
Term Hours  16
Second Semester
CPT 2070  Educational Technology  3
EDU 1040  Phonics-Foundation of Literacy  3
EDU 1050  Introductory Child Development  3
EDU 1114  Integrated Curr. in Early Childhood Edu  3
EDU 1300  Curriculum, Observation, & Assessment  3
MTH 1100  Math of Business  3
Term Hours  18
Second Year
First Semester
EDU 2010  Emergent Literacy-Learning 3
EDU 2020  Literature for Children & Adolescents  3
EDU 2030  Individuals with Exceptionalities  3
EDU 2210  Infant and Toddler Environments  3
SOC 1010  Sociology  3
Term Hours  15
Second Semester
EDU 2130  Families, Communities & Schools  3
EDU 2991  Practicum  2
EDU 2992  Practicum Seminar  2
HST 1620  American History Since 1877  3
PSY 2301  Educational Psychology  3
Technical or General/Basic Elective  3
Term Hours  16
Total Hours  65

= Portfolio Course  = Capstone Course

1 If planning to pursue a bachelor degree, choose from one of the TAG approved Math courses. See MTH courses in Course Description section of the College catalog.

Prerequisites: Students should check course prerequisites before registering. Prerequisites are listed in the Course Catalog.

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“C” Grade Policy
Education students must attain a grade of “C” or higher in all courses carrying the specific program prefix of EDU. Any education core course in which a grade below “C” is received must be repeated.

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Technical Electives
EDU 2200 Special Topics in Education 3

General/Basis Electives
BIO 1090 Concepts in Biology 4
EDU 2000 Psychology of Childhood 3
LIT 2210 Introduction to Literature 3
LIT 2250 The American Short Story 3
LIT 2260 Fantasy Literature 3
LIT 2310 Literature and the Holocaust 3
SPN 1010 Beginning Spanish Language I 3
COM 2213 Verbal Judo 3

Certificates

Administrator Certificate
The Administrator Concentration Award has been designed to meet the needs of persons interested in the administration of child care centers. Five ECE courses provide basic information relative to the development of young children, developmentally appropriate curriculum planning, administrative issues, positive guidance and classroom management. The five courses are a part of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education:
EDU 1050 Introductory Child Development 3
EDU 1080 Classroom Management and Guidance 3
EDU 1300 Curriculum, Observation, and Assessment 3
EDU 2130 Families, Communities and Schools 3
EDU 2040 Administration and Health Management 3
Total Hours 15

The Administrative Award is in compliance with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Licensing Rules 2003.

Requirements for educational training of Early Childhood Administrators can be found in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Licensing Rules. These regulations state that in Ohio an administrator of a child care center must meet one of the following qualifications:
• A high school verification and two years of college, including the completion of at least four courses (12 semester hours) in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college,

OR
• A high school diploma and two years of experience working as a child care staff member in a center and four courses (12 semester hours) in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college,

OR
• A currently valid child development associate credential issued by the National Child Development Associate (CDA) Commission and two years of experience. The CDA must be renewed as needed,

OR
• An associate or higher degree in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university or technical college or a pre-kindergarten associate certificate that is issued by the State Board of Education,

OR
• An administrator credential as approved by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

CDA Certificate
With the completion of the following three courses, your CDA (Child Development Associate) required course work will be completed, and you will be prepared for the National assessment:

Preschool
EDU 1080 Classroom Management and Guidance 3
EDU 1300 Curriculum, Observation, and Assessment 3
EDU 2040 Administration and Health Management 3
Total Hours 9

Infant/Toddler
EDU 1080 Classroom Management and Guidance 3
EDU 2210 Infant and Toddler Environments 3
EDU 2040 Administration and Health Management 3
Total Hours 9

Early Childhood Education Certificate
The Early Childhood Education certificate is designed for those who are working in child care facilities and for other individuals interested in upgrading their child development skills.
EDU 1000 Introduction to Education 3
EDU 1114 Integrated Curriculum in Early Childhood Education 3
EDU 1040 Phonics-Foundation of Literacy 3
EDU 1050 Introductory Child Development 3
EDU 1080 Classroom Management and Guidance 3
EDU 1300 Curriculum, Observation, and Assessment 3
EDU 2010 Emergent Literacy-Learning 3
EDU 2020 Literature for Children and Adolescents 3
EDU 2030 Individuals with Exceptionalities 3
EDU 2040 Administration and Health Management 3
EDU 2130 Families, Communities and Schools 3
EDU 2210 Infant and Toddler Environments 3
EDU 2991 Practicum 2
EDU 2992 Practicum Seminar 2
Total Hours 40

Articulation (2+2/3)
The associate degree program from Rhodes State College provides a solid foundation for further college education and degrees. The Department Chair or advisor can provide specific information on this opportunity.

Accreditation
The Early Childhood Education program is accredited by the:
Ohio Department of Higher Education
University System of Ohio
30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Gainful Employment
See RhodesState.edu/GainfulEmployment for additional information.

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