

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

Program Description

The **Early Childhood and Elementary Education Concentration** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in education leading to teacher certification.

This concentration provides a strong foundation in child development, learning theory, and educational practice across early childhood and elementary grade levels. Students explore how children grow cognitively, socially, emotionally, and academically, while examining the role of schools in supporting diverse learners. Coursework emphasizes critical thinking, communication, and the application of developmental theory to classroom settings.

The program combines a broad behavioral science foundation with focused preparation for students interested in teaching young children from preschool through the elementary grades.

Transfer Information

The Early Childhood and Elementary Education concentration is structured to align with bachelor's degree programs in early childhood education, elementary education, and related teacher preparation pathways. Students intending to pursue teacher certification should work closely with faculty and Advising & Transfer Services to ensure coursework meets transfer and certification requirements at their intended institution.

Students planning to transfer within New Jersey should explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer (www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org>)) to review articulation agreements and institutional requirements.

Because teacher preparation programs often have GPA standards, admission requirements, and testing requirements, early and intentional academic planning is strongly recommended.

Career Information

The A.S. in Behavioral Science and Public Service – Early Childhood and Elementary Education Concentration is designed primarily for transfer. A bachelor's degree and completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program are required for public school teacher certification.

With further education and certification, graduates may pursue careers such as:

- Preschool Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Elementary School Teacher
- Curriculum or Instructional Support Specialist
- Youth Program Coordinator

Students are encouraged to consult with faculty and Career Services early in their academic journey to plan transfer and certification pathways.

Fall One		Credit Hours
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
ENGL 151	English I	3
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	3
Credit Hours		14
Spring One		
ENGL 152	English II	3
CSIT 110	Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications	3
BIOL 161	General Biology I Lecture	3
BIOL 161L	General Biology I Lab	1
HEHP 225	Contemporary Health	3
Choose one of the following:		3-4
MATH 151	A Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 158	Mathematical Modeling	
MATH 171	Finite Mathematics	
Credit Hours		16-17
Fall Two		
HIST 173	United States History to 1877	3
ASLN 100	American Sign Language I	3
EDUC 261	Development of the Learner	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Choose one of the following:		3-4
MATH 151	A Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 158	Mathematical Modeling	
MATH 171	Finite Mathematics	
Credit Hours		15-16
Spring Two		
HEHP 160	First Aid/CPR/AED	3
EDUC 277	The Teaching Profession in America	3
HIST 174	United States History from 1877	3
GEOG 161	World Physical Geography	3
SOCI 231	Social Problems	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60-62

¹ A variety of STSC -Student Success Seminar courses are available.