

Education Department

Birth to Second (BTS)

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A rewarding career in the education and/or care of young children begins with this degree program. A variety of career options and transfer possibilities are attainable with the skills and experience acquired in this program.

What You'll Learn...

- Basic theories of education
- Application of educational theories in various programs
- Curriculum development and implementation
- Classroom management and evaluation
- Techniques for assessing young children
- Educational methods and techniques
- Effective parent/teacher community interaction strategies

What You'll Earn...

- Valuable practical experience through classroom and on-site training
- Credentials required by child care licensing board
- Credits transfer to four-year institutions
- Competitive salary ranging from \$17,000 – \$40,000

What You Can Do...

- Public school paraeducator
- Head Start teacher
- Child advocate
- Home/child care provider
- Preschool teacher
- Child care center director
- Agency early childhood educator
- Early childhood curriculum coordinator
- School age site administrator

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BIRTH TO SECOND (BTS)

This degree option combines the Early Childhood Education curriculum with a student transfer focus approved by the Department of Education. The program prepares students for transfer to four-year in-state institutions to complete requirements for a bachelor's degree and Early Care and Education teaching certification.

Students may participate in practicum activities in public and private school systems. This curriculum option offers students the opportunity to work toward a four-year degree while preparing for the various positions in the field of early childhood.

PROGRAM FACTS

- Full program articulation with Delaware State University, University of Delaware and Wilmington University
- 2 + 2 option
- A minimum of 200 hours of direct experience
- Accredited by the Department of Education
- On-site application at the Child Development Center
- Opportunity to observe and participate in current educational trends

OPTIONS

A **diploma** is available in Early Childhood Studies.

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REQUIRED TECHNICAL COURSES

- ECE 111 Childhood Nutrition & Safety
- ECE 120 Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood
- ECE 121 Infant & Toddler Methods & Lab
- ECE 123 Early Childhood Methods I & Lab
- ECE 125 Early Childhood Methods II & Lab
- ECE 127 Childhood Classroom Management
- EDC 220 Parent/Family School Interaction
- ECE 226 Assessment of Young Children
- ECE 233 Exceptional Child
- ECE 244 Fieldwork Teaching Practicum *or*
- EDC 100 Professional Prep: Praxis I *and*
- EDC 230 Children's Literature

REQUIRED SUPPORT COURSES

- BIO 140 General Biology *or*
- BIO 150 Biology I
- CIS 107 Intro to Computers & Applications
- ENG 121 Composition
- ENG 122 Technical Writing & Communication
- HIS 111 American History: Pre-Civil War
- EDC 120 Foundations of Literacy
- MAT 201 Mathematics for Teachers I
- MAT 202 Mathematics for Teachers II
- MAT 203 Mathematics for Teachers III
- PSY 121 General Psychology
- PSY 125 Child Development

HOW TO BEGIN –

1. Obtain, complete, and submit an Application for Admission with a \$10 non-refundable fee to the Admissions Office. Make check payable to Delaware Technical & Community College. Applications are available via the Web (www.dtcc.edu/admissions), by phone or mail, or from a high school counselor.
2. Develop a financial plan to identify resources, such as financial aid, SEED, and other scholarships, to help pay for college.
3. Request that your official high school, GED, and/or college transcript be sent immediately to the Admissions Office.
4. Participate in the college testing and placement program, if required. Official scores from SAT/ACT tests or previous college credit may satisfy this requirement.
5. Meet for advisement to begin an educational plan and select courses for registration.