

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

Education Department

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
- Apprenticeship opportunities

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 <i>or</i>
EDC 100	Professional Prep: Praxis I <i>and</i>
EDC 230	Children's Literature

REQUIRED SUPPORT COURSES

BIO 140	General Biology <i>or</i>
BIO 150	Biology I
CIS 107	Intro to Computers & Applications <i>or</i>
ETC 101-104	Intro Education Technology Certificate
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.