

Early Childhood Education Cohort Program

If you want to make a difference in a child's life and in your community ...

There's a place for you.



Never in history have both the demand for teachers and the opportunity for a career in teaching been greater.

Triton College's Early Childhood Education Cohort Program is designed for those interested in teaching young children as they begin their educational journey. Unlike traditional Education programs, the ECE Cohort Program is designed with students that are juggling work, family, and other responsibilities in mind. Triton's ECE Cohort Program offers courses focusing on child development, health and safety, working with children with special needs, creating developmentally appropriate activities and many others. Having the Child Development Center and Lab School on campus provides students with hands-on learning experiences in a high-quality program as they complete their coursework.

Key Features of the ECE A.A.S. Cohort Program

- Courses offered online in an accelerated seven-week format
- Scholarships and grants can make the program affordable.
- Flexible locations of field sites and practical experiences.
- On-site child care.
- Transfer articulations with four-year institutions.

Upon completion of the cohort, students will graduate with the following credentials:

- Gateways to Opportunity Level IV ECE Credential.
- Gateways to Opportunity Level II Infant and Toddler Credential.
- An Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education (A.A.S.) Degree.

In addition, upon graduation students who complete two additional courses will earn the:

- Gateways Illinois Director Level I Credential & Early Childhood Administration and Management Advanced Certificate.

What is a Cohort?

A cohort consists of a group of students working together in the same program, progressing through the same academic curriculum and finishing their degree together. It will take a total of two years to complete the program to be eligible to transfer to a four-year institution.



For more information, contact **Ayelet Harpaz Miller** at ayeletmiller@triton.edu, or scan the QR code on the left.

Students with work experience in the early childhood field and who are registered with Gateways may qualify for **100% of their tuition covered!**



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Upon completion of this program, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree as well as a Level IV Gateways to Opportunity Credential.

PROPOSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION A.A.S. COHORT PROGRAM MAP

YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1 – First 8 Weeks

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| ECE 110 | Early Child Development | 3 credits |
| ECE 111 | Introduction to Early Childhood Education | 3 credits |

SEMESTER 1 – Second 8 Weeks

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| ECE 153 | Guiding Children and Managing the Classroom | 1 credit |
| ECE 146 | Child, Family & Community | 3 credits |
| PSY 100 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 credits |

Total Credit Hours –13 credits

SEMESTER 2 – First 8 Weeks

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| ECE 118 | Health, Nutrition & Safety | 3 credits |
| RHT 101* | Freshman Rhetoric & Composition I | 3 credits |

SEMESTER 2 – Second 8 Weeks

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| ECE 142 | Students with Disabilities in School | 3 credits |
| ECE 115 | Infant Toddler Development | 3 credits |

Total Credit Hours –12 credits

SEMESTER 3 – Summer

Gateways to Opportunity Level II Infant and Toddler Credential earned after this semester.

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| ECE 122 | Infant & Toddler Care and Curriculum | 3 credits |
| BIS 108 | Biology of Humans | 3 credits |

Total Credit Hours – 6 credits

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 4 – First 8 Weeks

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| ECE 231 | Science and Math for Young Children | 3 credits |
| ECE 121 | Language Development & Activities | 3 credits |

SEMESTER 4 – Second 8 Weeks

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| ECE 138** | Observation, Assessment, Curriculum and Guidance of Young Children | 3.5 credits |
| ECE 233 | Creative Activities for the Young Child | 3 credits |

Total Credit Hours –12.5 credits

SEMESTER 5 – 16 Weeks

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| ECE 251** | Practicum (Hybrid Format) | 5 credits |
| LIT 170 | Introduction to Children's Literature | 3 credits |

SEMESTER 5 – Second 8 Weeks

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| MUS 110 | Listening to Music | 3 credits |
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Total Credit Hours – 11 credits

SEMESTER 6 – Summer

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| SPE 101 | Principles of Effective Speaking | 3 credits |
| MAT 116* | Math for Elementary School Teachers I | 3 credits |

Total Credit Hours – 6 credits

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION – 60.5 CREDITS

* Students who do not place at college level for RHT and MAT may need to take additional classes which may extend program completion time.

** Supervised experience hours for ECE 138 and ECE 251 are completed in an early childhood classroom setting.

If employed within the early childhood field, you may be eligible to complete these hours at your place of employment.