

B.S. Early Childhood Education (120 Credits)

Guided Pathway: Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education (FULL TIME).

For more information, visit www.fgc.edu and your academic advisor.

Meta-major: Education

The **Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education (BEC)** program prepares graduates to work in child care programs serving young children birth through age four. Graduates will have a strong knowledge base of how young children grow and develop and best practices to support young children's success.

This is the sequence of courses for students interested in **Early Childhood Education**. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a **BS degree**ⁱⁱ. Courses that complete the degree are listed below. As always, visit your academic advisor each semester to help you keep on track for graduation.

All BS/BAS degrees must satisfy the statewide Civic Literacy requirement for graduation.

Please see the [catalog](#).



SEMESTER BY SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL- TIME STUDENTS

PRE-ENROLLMENT	ACTION ITEMS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEC 1001 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education^{iv} • EEC 1309 – Early Childhood Education Foundations^{iv} • EEC 1601 – Child Study^{iv} • EEC 2949 – Internship-Child Development^{iv} • Conferred Associate Degree (60 credit hours) • Complete Florida Gateway College application • Complete BEC program application • EEC 3511 requires a 1-hour field experience with infants or toddlers (birth to 36 months). Secure an Early Head Start location to complete this hour. • Signup for and pass the Florida Civic Literacy Exam if not completed in your Associates Degree.
SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
EEC 3704 – Education and Development of Young Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester. • At the end of the semester, begin research on career options. Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a degree in Early Childhood Education. • LAE 3405 requires a 1-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a child care center or Head Start location to complete this hour. • EEC 4211 requires a 1-hour field experience in K/1/2. Secure a public-school location to complete this hour.
EEC 3511 – Infant and Toddler Curriculum	
EEC 3214 – Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum	
EEC 4201 – Young Children with Special Needs	
General Education Course	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15	
SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
EEC 3301 – Instructional Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with your advisor to confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. • EEC 4227 requires a 15-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a child care center location to complete these hours. • EEC 4661 requires a 5-hour field experience with infant/toddler (birth to 36 months) or preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure an Early Head Start or Head Start location to complete these hours.
LAE 3405 – Children's Literature	
EEC 4211 – Integrated Math and Science in Early Childhood	
EEC 4706 – Language and Emergent Literacy	
General Education Course	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15	

SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
EEC 3320 – Principles and Methods for Teaching Early Childhood Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. <i>(i.e., in October 2023, you can complete the FAFSA for if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2024)</i> • Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates. • EEX 3603 requires an 8-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months) in Head Start or K/1/2 in a public school. Secure a location to complete these hours. • EEC 4613 requires a 5-hour field experience with toddlers (12 to 36 months) or preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a location to complete these hours. The location can be a child care center, Head Start, or VPK. • EEC 3400 requires a 10-hour field experience with parents and teachers. Secure a location to complete these hours. The location can be a child care center, Head Start, or VPK. • Identify a child care location to complete the 25-hours per week work/volunteer requirement in EEC 4940. • Contact location and meet all their work/volunteer requirements.
EEC 4227 – Creative Arts for Preschool Education/Field Experience	
EEC 3731 – Health, Nutrition and Safety of Young Children	
EEC 4661 – Early Childhood Education Theory and Practice	
General Education Course	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15	
SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
EEX 3603 – Positive Behavioral Supports in Inclusive Early Childhood Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After reviewing your final program of study, apply for Graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet with your advisor to apply for graduation for your degree. ○ Sign up for commencement. • Congratulations, graduate!
EEC 4613 – Assessment and Evaluation of Young Children	
EEC 3400 – Parents as Teachers/Field Experience	
EEC 4940 – Internship Early Childhood/Field Experience	
General Education Course	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15	
BEC DEGREE MINIMUM: 120 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS PATHWAY TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS	

ⁱ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered the college on or before this date.

ⁱⁱ Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by FGC to award the degree.

ⁱⁱⁱ This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

^{iv} You must earn a grade of "C" or better in all Gordon Rule classes and Early Childhood Education core classes.