

## Early Childhood Education—Transfer Degree (ECT)

This program satisfies the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Early Childhood Education Transfer Compact for transfer to a state college or university bachelor degree program (nursery school to grade 2). Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers play a vital role in the development of children, introducing them to numbers, language, science, and social studies. They facilitate student learning through interactive class discussions, educational activities, "hands-on" learning, and one-on-one assistance. The need for qualified teachers continues to grow because of retirements, increasing student numbers, and demands for smaller class sizes. Benefits of MWCC's program include day, evening, and distance learning options; day classes scheduled conveniently for parents of school-age children; opportunities to gain real world experience; and a strong liberal arts & sciences curriculum for more effective transfer.

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
ECE101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
	BIO109, BIO110, EAS115, or EAS125	4			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement.
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
PSY108	Child Development	3			PSY105
ECE103	Home, School, & Community Relations	3			ECE101 or permission of instructor/division dean
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
MAT140 or MAT143 or MAT160	Elements of Mathematics or Statistics or College Mathematics I	3			MAT096, or placement
PSY244	Children With Special Needs	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement. Must be taken in the fall.
ECE102	Early Childhood Curriculum & Program Planning	3			PSY108 or permission of division dean
THE113	Speech	3			ENG101
ECE114	Early Childhood Practicum I	4			ECE102, PSY108, or permission of division dean
ART109 or ART110 or MUS103	Art History I or Art History II or Music Skills & Theory	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PHY101 or PHY105	Introduction to Physical Science or College Physics I	4			ENG100, MAT096, RDG100, or placement ENG100, RDG100, or placement; Co-requisite MAT160
SOC206	Marriage & the Family	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
ENG235	Children's Literature	3			ENG102 or permission of instructor/division dean
HIS201	History of United States I	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, & Wellness Elective	2/3			MAT092, RDG100, or placement <b>Note:</b> PER130 is recommended for transfer
ECE124	Early Childhood Education Practicum II	4			<b>Prerequisite:</b> ECE114 <b>Note:</b> Not required, but recommended to receive EEC Lead Teacher Certification
<b>Total: 63/67 credits</b>					

See page 105 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards.

**Campus/format:** This program can be completed during the day or evening at the Gardner Campus.

**Transfer options:** Completion of this program will meet the Massachusetts Early Childhood Education Transfer Compact (some restrictions apply; check with your advisor or transfer planning services). This program qualifies for MassTransfer.\* Transfer Agreements exists with Becker College, Charter Oak State College, Fitchburg State College, and the University of Phoenix.

Visit MWCC's transfer planning services website: <http://transfer.mwcc.edu>.

3 Plus ONE eligible—go to: [www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE](http://www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE)

**Special requirements:** Most four-year colleges and universities (including all Mass. public institutions) require satisfactory completion of the Communication and Literacy section of the Mass Tests of Educator Licensure (MTEL) prior to entrance to junior-level courses. The exam is **not** a prerequisite to enter MWCC's program. Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations.

**Career options:** After earning a bachelor's degree and meeting Massachusetts Department of Education teacher requirements, graduates can pursue careers as teachers in Pre-kindergarten to grade 2.

**Earning potential:** \$42,008 to \$63,071 per year, for an entry-level teacher with a bachelor's degree who has met Mass Department of Education requirements. Salaries increase substantially with experience and education level.

\* See page 44 for MassTransfer information.