

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR 3, SC

**This program can be completed 100% online.**

## Program Description

The Skills Certificate, Early Childhood Educator 3 includes 27 units with a focus on child development, foundations, and practice in the field of early childhood education (ECE). All courses are also required for the ECE AA and AAS degrees. The certificate is one of a series of three, stackable skills certificates available in early childhood education. Students may earn the skills certificates as they progress toward an AA/AAS degree in early childhood education, or as professional development certifications for non-degree seeking students.

This program is not eligible for financial aid. However, it may be eligible for scholarship funding if the student is awarded scholarships.

Early Childhood Education Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

## Recommended Course Schedule

1st semester		Units
ECE 130	Infancy	3
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>
2nd semester		
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>27</b>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Certificate Requirement</b>		
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## Program Outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:

PSLO1: Examine characteristics of developmental disabilities common in early childhood.

PSLO2: Assess the growth and development of a young child.

PSLO3: Identify social, developmental, and environmental factors that influence child behavior.

## Program Requirements

Skills Certificates can consist of a single course or a short set of courses that provide training for entry-level positions or career advancement. These short-term certificates may also prepare students to take state, national and/or industry-recognized certifications or licensing exams.

Skills certificates are awarded upon completion of coursework and marked on a student's transcripts at the end of the semester. Students cannot declare a skills certificate as one's major. Skills Certificates are not eligible for Financial Aid.

To earn a skills certificate, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
2. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.