



## Personality + Career

Early Childhood Education students are caring individuals with strong communication skills. You are a good fit for this program if you are interested in working with children and families. The ability to lift and carry children is important.

Program	Credential	What you'll learn!	What you'll earn!	Career Opportunities	Are graduates prepared for/to complete exams for specific credentials/licensing/certifications at the end of the program?	Required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms
Early Childhood Education – Infant/Toddler Option	Certificate	Students learn observation, assessment, and guidance strategies with specific focus on the development of children from prenatal through 36 months. Students will complete a practicum and learn about literacy, safety, nutrition, and family relationships.	New credential. No salary information available.	Infant Room Aide Toddler Aide	*CBC and fingerprinting required	N/A
Early Childhood Education – Preschool Option	Certificate	Students learn observation, assessment, and guidance strategies with specific focus on the development of children from ages 3 to 5 years. Students will complete a practicum and learn about literacy, safety, nutrition, and family relationships.	New credential. No salary information available.	Preschool Aide	*CBC and fingerprinting required	N/A
Early Childhood Education – In Home Care Provider Option	Certificate	Students learn observation, assessment, and guidance strategies with specific focus on the development of children. Students complete a practicum and will learn specific skills necessary for working in an in-home setting.	New credential. No salary information available.	In-home child-care provider Nanny	*CBC and fingerprinting required	N/A
Early Childhood Education	Diploma	The diploma is for those interested in working in a support role with children birth to age 8. Students learn about infant, toddler, and preschool child development, language and literacy, curriculum, health, safety, and nutrition, and complete a practicum.	No salary information available.	Child-care teacher	*CBC and fingerprinting required	N/A
Early Childhood Education	Associate of Applied Science	This program prepares students to teach or serve in an administrative role within an early childhood setting. In addition to the information noted above, students complete head teacher and administrative coursework and practicums, learning supervisory, management, and leadership theories and procedures.	\$14.15 per hour; \$29,432 annually	Assistant Director, Lead Teacher in a child care setting (birth-preschool), Para-Educator.	CPR/First Aid Certification is required prior to completion of Child Care Head Teacher Practicum (ECED 2065). *CBC & FP required	N/A
Early Childhood Education	Associate of Arts	Students will work closely with their advisor to select courses that fulfill the requirements at a four-year college or university. Students have the opportunity to complete early childhood development, curriculum, and practicum courses based on transfer credit needs. Additionally, students will complete general education requirements preparing them for transfer to another institution.	No salary information is reported for programs designed to transfer.	Students should contact a transfer advisor at their destination school to determine transfer requirements.	*CBC and fingerprinting required	N/A

### » Your Next Steps to Choose SCC

- ▶ Schedule a Campus Visit - [southeast.edu/visit](https://southeast.edu/visit)
- ▶ Explore career options with an Admissions Counselor - [southeast.edu/admissionsadvising](https://southeast.edu/admissionsadvising)
- ▶ Apply - [southeast.edu/applynow](https://southeast.edu/applynow)

### » Paying for SCC

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
- ▶ Scholarships - [southeast.edu/scholarships](https://southeast.edu/scholarships)
- ▶ Payment Plan - [mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast](https://mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast)
- ▶ Veteran Education Benefits - [southeast.edu/veterans-services](https://southeast.edu/veterans-services)
- ▶ GAP Assistance Program - [southeast.edu/gap](https://southeast.edu/gap)
- ▶ Children of State Teammate Tuition Reimbursement Program - [southeast.edu/children-of-state-teammate-tuition-reimbursement-program](https://southeast.edu/children-of-state-teammate-tuition-reimbursement-program)

**\* A criminal background check and fingerprinting background check are required of each student in the program.** Forms are available in Admissions and on the program's website. The outcome of the background check will determine whether a student will be allowed to take certain courses and complete the program.



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Contact Admissions to get started!

402-437-2600, 800-642-4075 ext. 2600

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The Early Childhood Education program provides you the opportunity for a high-quality education to enter the workforce and impact the lives of young children and families. We're excited to have you be a part of our program!

Early Childhood is a field that is currently struggling to meet the demands of the workforce. Nationwide there is a need for early care educators that are knowledgeable in the needs of young children and view the field as a career choice that is essential in our communities. Our graduates are quickly joining the workforce and often have employment when completing practicum experiences.



### Program Contact Information

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The Associate of Applied Science degree at SCC is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The current accreditation term runs from March 2021-August 2023.

# The SCC Experience

- » We are very active in our early childhood community locally, within our state and on the national level. Students have the opportunity to become involved in our SCC Early Childhood Student Group that enhances their leadership skills and helps them begin to recognize themselves as part of a professional community.
- » Our program has highly qualified faculty who have all taught either in public schools, worked in child care or served in administrative roles in the field of early childhood. Our staff has strength in theory of early childhood and in practice (planning and implementing curriculum).
- » Associate of Applied Science degree students earn more than 300 hours of field experience, giving them direct experience working with young children.
- » Our program offers a student teaching experience that serves as a capstone to the Associate Degree program. Field work hours are completed in classrooms that serve children with special needs, as well as community service hours in agencies that serve children and families. These unique experiences set SCC graduates apart!
- » Our program offers flexibility to help you meet your goals! The program can be completed in person, fully online, or with a combination of in-person and online classes.



Program	Credential	Location	Credit Hours	Tuition/Fees*	Books/Fees/Supplies	Total Cost*	Starting Term(s)	Number of Semesters Required - Full Time	Is Summer Term Required for Full Time?	Can the Program be Completed Entirely Online?***	Part-Time Option	Number of Semesters Required - Part Time	Is Summer Term Required for Part Time?	Typical Class Schedule
Early Childhood Education - In Home Care Provider	Certificate	Lincoln Online	16	R - \$1,936 NR - \$2,272	\$2,245	R - \$4,181 NR - \$4,517	Fall, Spring	1.5	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	3	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.
Early Childhood Education - Infant/Toddler	Certificate	Lincoln Online	17	R - \$2,057 NR - \$2,414	\$2,245	R - \$4,302 NR - \$4,659	Fall, Spring	1.5	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	3	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.
Early Childhood Education - Preschool	Certificate	Lincoln Online	16	R - \$1,936 NR - \$2,272	\$2,245	R - \$4,181 NR - \$4,517	Fall, Spring	1.5	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	3	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.
Early Childhood Education	Diploma	Lincoln Online	32	R - \$3,872 NR - \$4,544	\$2,320	R - \$6,192 NR - \$6,864	Fall, Spring	2	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	4	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.
Early Childhood Education	Associate of Applied Science	Lincoln Online	68	R - \$8,228 NR - \$9,656	\$4,490	R - \$12,718 NR - \$14,146	Fall, Spring	4.5	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	7.5	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.
Early Childhood Education	Associate of Arts	Lincoln Online	60	R - \$7,260 NR - \$8,520	\$4,420	R - \$11,680 NR - \$12,940	Fall, Spring	4	No	Lecture classes, yes. Practicum will be in person.	Yes	6-7	No	Class schedules will vary based on courses selected. Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 8 am - 5 pm. Courses are also available online.

\*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.  
 \*\*\*Courses can be completed online, but practicums are in person at a designated site.