Bachelor of Arts
Early Childhood Education & Care
120 credits

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Care prepares students to teach within and manage early education and care organizations. This comprehensive curriculum develops the competencies defined by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care as essential for leaders in this growing field. The dynamic course work addresses issues of social justice and inclusion of all children, focusing on special needs, diversity, program planning and leadership within child care settings. Electives enable students to tailor their studies to their particular career goals within the field.

Program Outcomes

Successful graduates will have a demonstrated understanding of the following competencies supporting young children (birth to 8):

- Growth and core development of children.
- Guiding and interacting with children.
- Partnering with families and communities.
- Health, safety and nutrition for young children.
- Learning environments and implementing curriculum.
- Observation, assessment and documentation.
- Program planning, development and implementation.
- Professionalism and leadership.

Careers and Further Study

Our graduates typically progress from entry level to upper level careers in state and private day care centers and pre-schools, Head-start and other agencies focused on underserved populations, and home care.

Graduates are also well prepared for graduate study in fields related to young children.

Admissions requirements: High school completion or GED and other general requirements (see Admissions).

Online courses: Up to 49% of your Cambridge College courses may be fully-online.

Degree completion: General education requirements may be satisfied by an associate's degree or 60 credits of prior courses that meet all general criteria for transfer; up to 90 credits may be accepted.

General Education .... 42 credits

LRN175	Principles & Processes of Adult Learning	3
WRT101	College Writing I	3
CTH225	Foundations of Critical Thinking	3
MAT101	College Math I	3
CMP130	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
CMP230	Information Literacy	3
WRT102	College Writing II	3
MAT102	College Math II	3

WRT101-102 and MAT101-102 may by waived if equivalent courses have been accepted in transfer. Credits will be replaced with open electives. WRT201 required if both WRT101-102 are waived; not required for students completing WRT101-102 at Cambridge. WRT090 and MAT100 required if assessment indicates need.

Arts & Humanities 6
Natural & Physical Sciences 6
Social Sciences 6

Open Electives .... 36 credits

Choose electives and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

Early Childhood Major .... 42 credits

EMC201	Introduction to Early Education and Care	3
EMC301	Integrated Language Arts & Reading	3
EMC307	Inclusive Teaching in Early Childhood Classrooms	3
EMC308	Observing & Recording in Early Childhood Classrooms	3
EMC315	Developing Curriculum for Young Children	3
EMC316	Effective & Positive Learning Environments in Early Childhood Settings	3
EMC317	Educational Perspectives in Early Childhood Growth & Development	3
EMC322	Health, Safety & Nutrition for Early Childhood Settings	3
EMC323	Early Childhood Program Planning & Development	3
EMC324	Partnering with Families & Communities in Early Childhood Settings	3
EMC325	Principles of Early Childcare Administration	3
(new)	Early Education & Care Field Experience	3
BAM490	Early Childhood Capstone	3

One elective in management, human services, educational content or special education, based on your specific career goal and interest in young children. 3

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