



FACT SHEET

Theme: Introduction to Early Childhood Education¹

Courses cataloged under the “Introduction to ECE” theme fall into two subthemes: 1) Theory and Research: courses that address ECE from a macro level, focusing on theories and philosophies of ECE and how they shape the development of the field. These courses provide a comprehensive view of programs, including the history of early education and an exploration of terminology, issues, trends, law, and societal premises; and 2) Incorporating Theory into Practice: course that address the theoretical background, but also focus on micro level skills and practices for teaching in an ECE classroom, including developmentally appropriate practice, incorporating family and community, and observation and individualization techniques.

Bachelors Programs

Theory and Research

Bay Path College EDU 110 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Curry College ED 2410 Strategies for the Effective Educator

Fitchburg State University EDUC 2300 Foundations of Inclusive Education

Salem State University EDU 105 Premise of School Child Care

Incorporating Theory into Practice

Bridgewater State University ECED 230 The Basics of Early Childhood Education
ELED 120 Child Study in the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Classroom

Cambridge College EMC 210 Introduction to Early Education & Care

Salem State University EDU 208A Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Springfield College ECED 310 Foundations of Early Childhood Education

University of Massachusetts Boston ECHD 201 Foundations of Early Intervention and Education for All Young Children

Worcester State University ED 160 Early Childhood Education Today

Associates Programs

Theory and Research

Berkshire Community College ECE 104 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Bristol Community College ECE 111 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Bunker Hill Community College ECE 102 Issues in Early Childhood Education

Holyoke Community College EDU 101 Early Childhood Programs

Massasoit Community College CCED 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
CCED 211 Child Care Policies and Issues

Mount Wachusett Community College ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Incorporating Theory into Practice

¹ Courses cataloged under the “Introduction to Early Childhood Education” theme are not clearly connected to one EEC Core Competencies; the majority address aspects of each of the eight competencies.

Cape Cod Community College	ECE 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Greenfield Community College	EDU 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Massachusetts Bay Community College	ED 112 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
North Shore Community College	ECE 110 Foundations of Early Childhood Education
Northern Essex Community College	ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Quinsigamond Community College	ECE 101 Orientation to Early Childhood Education
Springfield Technical Community College	CHLD 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Certificate Programs

Theory and Research

Berkshire Community College	ECE 104 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Bristol Community College	ECE 111 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Bunker Hill Community College	ECE 102 Issues in Early Childhood Education
Greenfield Community College	EDU 205 Philosophy of Education
Holyoke Community College	EDU 101 Early Childhood Programs
Massasoit Community College	CCED 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Incorporating Theory into Practice

Cape Cod Community College	ECE 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Greenfield Community College	EDU 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Massachusetts Bay Community College	ED 112 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Quinsigamond Community College	ECE 101 Orientation to Early Childhood Education

This review was conducted by Oldham Innovative Research as part of the MA Department of Early Education and Care's Phase II Mapping Project. The above courses come from a more comprehensive review of required courses for ECE degrees at 33 IHEs. After identifying common course themes, these courses have been identified as similar in course title, description, and credits awarded. This grouping of courses can be used as a preliminary guide to determine transferability.