

Principles of Early Childhood Education

Career Cluster	Education
Program of Study	Early Childhood
NLPS Sequence	A
Course Code	7160
Course Description	This course provides students with an overview of skills and strategies necessary to successfully complete a certificate. Additionally, it provides an overview of the history, theory, and foundations of early childhood education as well as exposure to types of programs, curricula and services available to young children. This course also examines basic principles of child development, Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP), importance of family, licensing, and elements of quality care of young children with an emphasis on the learning environment related to health, safety, and nutrition. Students may be required to complete observations and field experiences with children as part of this course.
Credits	2 semester course, 2 semesters required, 1 credit per semester, 2 credits maximum
ITCC Course Alignment	ECED 100: Introduction to Early Childhood Education; ECED 101: Health, Safety, and Nutrition

Ivy Tech Community College has agreed to offer this course as dual credit. Brooke Jerngien is a FCHS FACS Teacher, and is awaiting final IVY Tech instructor approval. Katie Smith, Director of Cub Academy Preschool, has agreed to welcome FCHS Early Childhood students into the preschool classrooms and events for their observations and field experiences as outlined in the course description.