

Northern Essex Community College Early Childhood Education Program

FACT SHEET

The following information is important for students pursuing an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Follow the recommended sequence of courses and procedures:

- ECE101/ECE181 (corequisite)
Students enrolled in ECE101 must take ECE181 (Field Placement I) simultaneously or request a waiver if they have 6 months or more of work experience in the field. All students must register for ECE 181 pending waiver approval.
- Waiver procedure (For Field Placement I): Students must submit documentation of work experience to ECE Faculty or ECE Coordinator. The documentation and waiver form are completed and reviewed for approval by either ECE coordinator or designated department personnel. The waiver form can be accessed on-line from the Education Programs Website: <http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/courses-programs/areas/education/>. Click on the “**Student Resources**” page on the left index. The form is listed under ECE course documents.
- ECE104: Child Growth & Development will meet the EEC requirement for state certification. However, it may not meet transfer requirements. Students planning to transfer should take PSY203: Child Psychology to meet EEC requirements and transfer requirements.
- ECE111: Preschool Curriculum should be taken before other curriculum courses (ECE201, 202, 203).
- ECE 182 (Field Placement II) must be taken as a co-requisite course with ECE 201 (Language and Reading Development)
- Field Placement I/II Registration Options: Field placements are typically scheduled for Friday mornings. If a student needs to be assigned on another day, the student must contact the ECE Coordinator to make alternate arrangements. An advisor can override the schedule conflict with a notation on the registration form (cc. Gail Feigenbaum).
- CORI/SORI Information Checks: All students who register for a practicum or field placement course will receive a CORI/SORI form that must be completed and returned to the Enrollment Services office before the student can be assigned to a classroom placement.
- Transfer Information: Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution will need to pass the **Communications and Literacy Skills Test** of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL) before they will be accepted into an education program at a four-year college or university. NECC offers a preparation course for the CLST. For more information on the MTEL preparation course, contact Christine DeRosa, Center for Corporate and Community Education at cderosa@necc.mass.edu or (978) 659-1225.
- Immunization Forms must be completed and submitted for all students assigned to Field Placements and Practicum sites. All full-time students are sent an immunization form automatically to meet state requirements. Part-time students enrolled in ECE181, ECE182, ECE271 and ECE272 will also receive an immunization form. Students cannot begin field placement and practicum assignments until the required immunization form is completed and submitted. Return the completed immunization form to:
Student Records - Ourania Behrakis Student Center
Northern Essex Community College
100 Elliott Street, Haverhill, MA 01830
FAX # (978) 556-3729

Please contact Gail Feigenbaum, ECE Coordinator with any questions:

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