

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education (ECED) program and faculty have an international reputation for their contributions to the field of Early Education. The program strongly emphasizes field experience, including student teaching in both PreK and grades K-3. The ECED program offers a number of degree options on the Kent campus, as well as regional campuses.

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Kent State Salem and Kent State Tuscarawas offer the two-year Early Childhood Education Technology Associate's degree. This degree prepares students with the knowledge and skills needed to implement developmentally appropriate practices in the preschool classroom. The degree transfers with no loss of credit to the bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education offered at the Kent, Salem, and Tuscarawas campuses.



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

The four-year Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education can be fully completed at the Kent, Salem, and Tuscarawas campuses. The bachelor's program offers students the skills and resources needed to obtain Ohio licensure for Early Childhood, ages 3 through 8 (preschool through primary). Courses are designed to develop teachers who are effective across the age span. All bachelor's degree students complete field and practicum experiences in diverse settings, including urban and inclusive programs in preschool and K-3 classrooms.

IB PYP CERTIFICATE

Kent State is the only university in Ohio and one of the few universities worldwide offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program Certificate in Teaching and Learning as part of its undergraduate program for Early Childhood Education. The goal is to give graduates a global perspective, as well as an advantage when applying for K-12 teaching positions in traditional schools, as well as those that offer IB programs, including overseas.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students applying to the ECED program must have a GPA of 2.75. As ECED is a selective program, students must also have a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be admitted to Advanced Study (sophomore through senior level courses); test scores and an essay are also considered.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center is an early years laboratory school on the Kent campus. Since 1972, the center has played a central role in the education of young children in the Kent State community, the preparation of teachers, and the generation of knowledge through research.

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The ECED program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and nationally recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The ECED program received International Baccalaureate (IB) recognition in 2012.

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