

Area of Study: **Human and Public Services**
 Pathway: **Early Childhood Education-Infant/Toddler Care**
 Type: **Certificate**
 Curriculum Code: **EDU. ITC. CERT (C420B)**

(Total Program Credits: 21)

The Infant/Toddler certificate program is designed for students wishing to prepare for entry-level positions in infant-care centers. The program’s emphasis is on infant/toddler development and creating appropriate environments and programs. A supervised, practical experience in an infant center will be an important component of the program.

Field experiences are requirements in all ECE classes, progressing from basic observations to a supervised observation/participation class, in program-approved and licensed Early Childhood programs. Experiences include working with children and families, curriculum development, team-teaching responsibilities, classroom management and guidance techniques. The Triton College Infant/Toddler Care Certificate leads to a level 4 Gateways Illinois Infant/Toddler Credential upon completion of the following courses and an associate in applied science degree in Early Childhood Education.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At successful completion of the Infant/Toddler Care Certificate, the graduate will be able to:

- recognize Developmentally Appropriate Practice for infants and toddlers in all aspects of curriculum and instruction;
- describe the developmental characteristics and needs of children birth through age eight with an emphasis on infant and toddler development;
- utilize observation, documentation, and assessment to inform their practices with young children;
- establish respectful and reciprocal relationship with children and their families;
- create classroom environments that promote respect and acceptance for human diversity; and
- recognize professional practices that are aligned with NAEYC Professional Standards and Code of Ethical Conduct.

Program Map for Full-Time Students

Semester 1: Fall Semester	Category	Stackable Certificate	Stackable Degree	Next Steps
ECE 110 Early Child Development (3)	<i>Required</i>			Meet with your Academic Advisor to create an academic plan.
ECE 111 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3)	<i>Required</i>			
ECE 115 Infant Toddler Development (3)	<i>Required</i>			
HTH 281 First Aid CPR AED (1)	<i>Required</i>			Explore stackable certificate(s)/degree(s)

10 Credit Hours

Semester 2: Spring Semester	Category	Stackable Certificate	Stackable Degree	Next Steps
ECE 118 Health, Nutrition & Safety (3)	<i>Required</i>			Meet with your Academic Advisor to finalize your academic plan for
ECE 122 Infant/Toddler Care and Curriculum (3)	<i>Required</i>			

ECE 142 Students With Disabilities in School (3)	<i>Required</i>			graduation and register for stackable certificate/degree (option). Submit graduation petition by deadline (check for the specific date in catalog or syllabus.)
ECE 146 Child, Family, & Community (2)	<i>Required</i>			

11 Total Credit Hours

Note: A minimum grade of "C" is required as a prerequisite for each ECE course in all ECE programs.

See ECE course descriptions.

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