The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program offers a comprehensive course of study to prepare students for career and job opportunities in early education and care of young children from diverse family backgrounds. The program includes instruction in parent education as well as preparation for employment in child development centers, family child-care settings, preschools, before- and after-school care programs, programs for children with special needs, and other ECE related-programs in the community. The ECE curriculum provides coursework with specializations in administration of ECE programs, infant/toddler development and care, advanced ECE curriculum, and special needs. Students will be eligible to meet Department of Social and Employment Services Title 22 and Education Code Title 5 licensing regulations for teaching personnel and administrative staff in private and public child development programs and agencies.

Degree Options at Hartnell:

- Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer Degree (AS-T)
- Associate of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Certificate of Achievement in Early Childhood Education

Related Careers

- Preschool Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- Day Care Administrator
- Tutor
- Curriculum Specialist
- Child Development Specialist
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Social Worker
- Parenting Educator
- Community Service Agent

Related Skills

- Customer and personal service
- Education and training
- Psychology
- Public safety and security
- Oral and written communication
- Learning strategies
- Instructing
- Active listening
- Coordination
- Social perceptiveness
- Critical thinking