

**Highland Community College Suggested Program of Study
Early Childhood (Associate in Applied Science)**

Research has shown one key to quality early childhood programs is professionally prepared early childhood providers. The Early Childhood Program at Highland Community College is designed to provide current hands-on techniques and academic readings that encourage a reflective approach to early childhood responsibilities. Students will learn principles of child growth and development, how to develop curriculum, how to create classroom environments that meet children's developmental needs, and how to work effectively with parents and families. Individuals planning to transfer credit for a baccalaureate degree should check for particular requirements. Students will be involved in hands-on experience in conjunction with their college classroom experience.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hour
<u>Basic Skills</u>		
ENG101	College English I	3
ENG102	College English II**	3
SP 101	Oral Communications or	
SP 106	Public Speaking**	3
COL103	College Success and Orientation	1
	Computer Literacy Elective	1
	PE Elective	1
<u>Humanities & Fine Arts</u>	Humanities & Fine Arts	3
<u>Social & Behavioral Sciences</u>	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
<u>Mathematics or Science</u>	Math or Science	3
<u>Early Childhood Requirements</u>		
ECH100	Fundamentals of Early Childhood*	3
ECH110	Functions of Child Development I*	3
ECH115	Functions of Child Development II*	3
ECH150	Creative Experiences*	3
ECH160	Observing & Interacting w/ Young Children*	3
ECH175	Emerging Literacy*	3
ECH200	Program Planning & Development*	3
ECH210	Family Involvement in Education*	3
ECH220	Principles of Inclusion*	3
ECH230	Professional Development & Leadership*	3
ECH250	Early Childhood Practicum*	3
<u>Open Electives</u>	Open Electives	9

*Fulfills Early Childhood requirements.

**Core courses required to fulfill degree.

Potential Employment Applications of Degree

Job positions might include child care teacher and director, family care home provider, licensing specialist, Head Start teacher, nanny, parent educator, referral specialist, paraprofessional in the public school district, and school-age child care instructor.

