What is Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education?

If you love kids and want to make a difference in young lives, you might be a great preschool teacher. Research shows that providing high quality educational programs for our youngest children is an investment in the future. The Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education program at OCTC can give you the tools to have a big impact on little ones. Our graduates gain an understanding of the cognitive, physical, social and emotional development for working with young children. Our students benefit from excellent classroom instruction and practical experiences that prepare them for this rewarding field.

Job Outlook

Graduates may go to work in public and private preschools in addition to federal programs such as Head Start. In Kentucky, the pre-school teachers earn an average salary of $28,754. Wages may vary significantly according to experience and area of specialization.

*Source: Kentucky Labor Market Information
**Recommended Semester Sequence**

**Fall**  
**Semester 1**  
IEC 101  Orientation to ECE  
IEC 130  Early Childhood Development  
ENG.101  Writing I  
PY 110  Psychology  
Mathematics  

**Spring**  
**Semester 2**  
IEC 102  Foundations of ECE  
IEC 170  Observation and Assessment  
IEC 200  Child Guidance Education  
ENG 102  Writing II  
COM 181  Basic Public Speaking  

**Summer**  
**Semester 3**  
IEC 240  Administration of ECE  
IEC 120  Heath, Safety and Nutrition  
IEC 250  School Age Child Care  

**Fall**  
**Semester 4**  
IEC 180  Approaches to ECE Curriculum  
IEC 216  Literacy and Language  
IEC 221  Creative Expressions  
IEC 235  Introduction to Inclusive Education  
Computer Literacy  

**Spring**  
**Semester 5**  
IEC 210  Families and Communities in ECE  
IEC 246  Sciences and Math in ECE  
IEC 260  Infant & Toddler Ed. and Programming  
IEC 291  Practicum  

**Total**  
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