CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Early Childhood Teacher Credential Studies – ECTC Level A, A.S.
Northwestern Connecticut Community College
Catalog Year 2022-23

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These requirements are effective if you declared the Transfer Ticket: CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Early Childhood Teacher Credential Studies, A.S. major for the 2017/18 through 2022/23 academic year.

With this degree you will be able to transfer to the following majors. Follow this link for important information about when and how to apply for transfer to a State University or Charter Oak State College.

At Eastern Connecticut State University: Bachelor of General Studies with a Concentration in Early Childhood Education – ECTC Level B
At Southern Connecticut State University: Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Early Childhood Pedagogy and Curriculum; Child, Family and Community Studies
At Charter Oak State College: Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education – ECTC Track

Important note: Earning the Early Childhood Teacher Credential (ECTC) is not equivalent to earning public school teaching certification and does not qualify you to work in a role where a State Teacher Certification Endorsement is required. Completion of the ECTC validates that you meet the requirements for the role of the teacher in early childhood programs accepting state funds.

Here is the recommended course of study for the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Early Childhood Teacher Credential Studies, A.S. If you are studying part time, simply follow the order of the courses listed here. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. You will notice that in many instances you will be able to choose the specific course you will take from within a category. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

First Semester: 15 credits

ENG 101 Composition 3 credits
ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education* (must be completed before all other ECE courses) 3 credits
PSY 111 General Psychology (must completed before PSY 204 and PSY 260) 3 credits
Choose one Aesthetic Dimensions course 3 credits
Choose one Continued Learning and Information Literacy course 3 credits

Second Semester: 15 credits

Choose two ECE courses* 6 credits
PSY 204 Child and Adolescent Development 3 credits
PSY 260 Psychology of the Exceptional Child 3 credits
Choose one Quantitative Reasoning course 3 credits
*Must be completed before 290, all with C or better; 2.5 in all ECE courses required for ECE 290.

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Begin the transfer application process in your third semester or the semester before you plan to graduate. FAFSA becomes available October 1.

**Third Semester:**

**15-16 credits**

- ECE 210 Observation, Participation and Seminar (must complete ECE 101 and one other ECE course before ECE 210)  
  3 credits
- ECE 231 Early Language and Literacy Development (must complete ECE 101 and one other ECE course before ECE 231)  
  3 credits
- ECE 290 Student Teaching I  
  3 credits
- Choose one **Written Communication II** course  
  3 credits
- Choose one **Scientific Knowledge and Understanding** course  
  3-4 credits

Must complete ECE 290 and at least three other ECE courses, all with C or better and an overall 2.5 in all ECE courses in order to take ECE 291.

**During your last semester at NCCC, apply for graduation by the dates found here.**

**Fourth Semester:**

**15-16 credits**

- ECE 222 Methods and Techniques in ECE (co-requisite for ECE 291)  
  3 credits
- ECE 291 Student Teaching II  
  3 credits
- Choose one **Historical Knowledge and Understanding** course  
  3 credits
- Choose one **Social Phenomena I** course  
  3 credits
- Choose one **Scientific Reasoning** course  
  3-4 credits

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**Here is another way to look at the degree, by requirements**

**General Education Requirements:**

**30-31 credits**

Unless a course is specifically designated, such as ENG 101 Composition for **Written Communication I**, you will have a choice about which course you take. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

- **Written Communication I:**  
  ENG 101 Composition  
  3 credits
- **Written Communication II (select one):**  
  3 credits
- **Scientific Reasoning (select one):**  
  3-4 credits
- **Scientific Knowledge and Understanding (select one):**  
  3-4 credits
- **Quantitative Reasoning (select one):**  
  3 credits
- **Historical Knowledge and Understanding (select one):**  
  3 credits
- **Social Phenomena I:**  
  PSY 111 General Psychology (must completed before PSY 204 and PSY 260)  
  3 credits
- **Social Phenomena II (select one):**  
  3 credits
Aesthetic Dimensions (select one): 3 credits
Continued Learning and Information Literacy (select one): 3 credits

Major Program Requirements: 30 credits

- ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education* 3 credits
- ECE 210 Observation, Participation and Seminar (must complete ECE 101 one other ECE course before ECE 210) 3 credits
- ECE 222 Methods and Techniques in ECE (co-requisite for ECE 291) 3 credits
- ECE 231 Early Language and Literacy Development (must complete ECE 101 and one other ECE course before ECE 231) 3 credits
Choose two ECE courses* 6 credits
- PSY 204 Child and Adolescent Development 3 credits
- PSY 260 Psychology of the Exceptional Child 3 credits
- ECE 290 Student Teaching I 3 credits
- ECE 291 Student Teaching II 3 credits

*Must be completed before 290, all with C or better; 2.5 in all ECE courses required for ECE 290.

Must complete ECE 290 and at least three other ECE courses, all with C or better and an overall 2.5 in all ECE courses in order to take ECE 291.

Unrestricted Electives:* 0 credits

*You are free to choose any courses at or above 100-level to complete any available unrestricted electives. You should also consider using unrestricted electives to meet foreign language requirements for programs at Central, Eastern and Western. You can also complete other General Education requirements. Your advisor will help you to determine which courses to select.

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Early Childhood Teacher Credential Studies, A.S. Total: 60-61 credits

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a State University or to Charter Oak State College, you must earn an overall 2.0 grade point average.