

## SMART MONEY BONUS

Each student successfully completing ECD 101 with a grade of “C” or higher is eligible for a **South Carolina Early Childhood Credential** issued by the Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD).

Students who are awarded the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential may be eligible for a **Smart Money Bonus** issued by the CCCCCD by meeting the following eligibility requirements:

- \$ Be at least 18 years of age or older and a South Carolina resident
- \$ Successfully complete (“C” or better) ECD 101 at a S.C. technical college
- \$ Work in a state regulated child care program in South Carolina

Applications for the Early Childhood Credential and the Smart Money Bonus are distributed to students enrolled in ECD 101.

Note: Students who complete the ABC Child Care Credential through continuing education and receive a bonus are not eligible for an additional bonus. However, they will receive the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential.

## TEACH SCHOLARSHIPS

Students enrolled in ECD 101, the ECD certificate, or the ECD associate degree program may be eligible for the **TEACH Scholarship** awarded through the CCCCCD by meeting the following eligibility requirements:

- \$ Must work in a state regulated child care program in South Carolina as a teacher, director or child care provider.
- \$ Must have the sponsorship of their employer
- \$ Must commit to employment for at least one year beyond the scholarship period.

Applications and information for these scholarships are available in the NETC Financial Aid Office



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# NETC

Northeastern Technical College

# Early Childhood Development



**Certificate and  
Associate Degree Programs**

## PATHWAY OVERVIEW

Northeastern Technical College offers **Early Childhood Development (ECD)** courses to prepare students for entry-level employment in early childhood development. Students can choose to pursue a **certificate in ECD**, an **Associate Degree in Technology in ECD**, or both.

Upon graduation, graduates will have a basic knowledge of child growth and development and the skills for working with children in a variety of developmental activities. The ECD pathway is for people who love children, have patience and compassion, and exhibit mature judgment. The courses are designed to provide training for the person already employed in child care as well as for those seeking to enter the field.

## EMPLOYMENT

Employment in the field of child development requires a minimum of a high school education; however, child development centers which seek licensure or are part of state-funded agencies require employees to hold some type of postsecondary credential, either a certificate, diploma or degree. Employment in this field and both ECD programs also require information such as criminal background checks, drug tests, TB tests, medical forms and a Department of Social Services letter of non-conviction.

Graduates of the Early Childhood Development Programs often find employment opportunities in a variety of child care settings.

### **POTENTIAL JOB TITLES**

Teacher Aides  
Childcare providers  
Assistant Director  
Directors

### **POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS**

Preschools  
Headstart programs  
Public Schools  
Private Kindergartens

Graduates may also find employment in various agencies, programs and entities that serve children and their families.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to either program requires NETC application, proof of high school graduation and placement information (SAT, ACT or COMPASS). Other requirements are listed in the Employment section and other information may be necessary. Visit [www.netc.edu](http://www.netc.edu) for specifics.

Conviction of the following makes individuals ineligible for child care employment and participation in ECD programs: offenses against a person, offenses against morality and decency or contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

## CERTIFICATE

The certificate in Early Childhood Development requires 9 courses (27 credit hours), which are available as both day and evening classes. Classes may require assignments for observation and activities in child care facilities. The listing of the courses and their titles follows:

<b>ECD 101</b>	<b>Introduction to Early Childhood</b>
<b>ECD 102</b>	<b>Growth and Development I</b>
<b>ECD 203</b>	<b>Growth and Development II</b>
<b>ECD 105</b>	<b>Guidance and Classroom Management</b>
<b>ECD 107</b>	<b>Exceptional Child</b>
<b>ECD 131</b>	<b>Language Arts</b>
<b>ECD 132</b>	<b>Creative Experiences</b>
<b>ECD 133</b>	<b>Science and Math Concepts</b>
<b>ECD 135</b>	<b>Health, Safety and Nutrition</b>

Note: This certificate program requires minimum reading, writing and math skills and includes courses which require specific prerequisites. Placement information is required and students may be required to complete developmental courses in reading, math or English which are not listed above and do not count toward program requirements.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

The Associate Degree in Technology in ECD requires approximately 22 courses (68 credit hours). Students may specialize in the transfer or small business pathway, along with the required early childhood classes.

**The small business pathway** is for those students who would like to become a child care director or provider. **The transfer pathway** is for those students who would like to transfer to a four year college or university. ECD is not a professional education program; each senior college determines transfer acceptance of all courses.

The Associate Degree in Technology in ECD requires general education courses (Communications, Math, Social Sciences and Humanities), early childhood development courses (see list above) and small business/transfer electives. The 2006-2008 Course Catalog & Student Handbook provides specific course requirement information.

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