

## B.S. Early Childhood Education (120 Credits)

### Guided Pathway: Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education (FULL TIME).

For more information, visit [www.fgc.edu](http://www.fgc.edu) and your academic advisor.

Meta-major: Education

The **Bachelor of Science Early Childhood Education (BEC)** program prepares graduates to work in child care programs serving young children birth through age four. Graduates will have a strong knowledge base of how young children grow and develop and best practices to support young children's success.

This is the sequence of courses for students interested in **Early Childhood Education**. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a **BS** degree<sup>ii</sup>. Courses that complete the degree are listed below. As always, visit your academic advisor each semester to help you keep on track for graduation.

**All BS/BAS degrees must satisfy the statewide Civic Literacy requirement for graduation.**

Please see the [catalog](#).



### SEMESTER BY SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL- TIME STUDENTS

PRE-ENROLLMENT	ACTION ITEMS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EEC 1001</b> – Introduction to Early Childhood Education<sup>iv</sup></li> <li>• <b>EEC 1309</b> – Early Childhood Education Foundations<sup>iv</sup></li> <li>• <b>EEC 1601</b> – Child Study<sup>iv</sup></li> <li>• <b>EEC 2949</b> – Internship-Child Development<sup>iv</sup></li> <li>• <b>Conferred Associate Degree</b> (60 credit hours)</li> <li>• <b>Complete Florida Gateway College application</b></li> <li>• <b>Complete BEC program application</b></li> <li>• EEC 3511 requires a 1-hour field experience with infants or toddlers (birth to 36 months). Secure an Early Head Start location to complete this hour.</li> <li>• See your advisor to determine if you need to pass the Florida Civic Literacy Examination (FCLE).</li> </ul>
SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
<b>EEC 3704</b> – Education and Development of Young Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester.</li> <li>• At the end of the semester, begin research on career options. Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a degree in <b>Early Childhood Education</b>.</li> <li>• LAE 3405 requires a 1-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a child care center or Head Start location to complete this hour.</li> <li>• EEC 4211 requires a 1-hour field experience in K/1/2. Secure a public-school location to complete this hour.</li> </ul>
<b>EEC 3511</b> – Infant and Toddler Curriculum	
<b>EEC 3214</b> – Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum	
<b>EEC 4201</b> – Young Children with Special Needs	
<b>General Education Course</b>	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15</b>	
SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
<b>EEC 3301</b> – Instructional Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with your advisor to confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study.</li> <li>• EEC 4227 requires a 15-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a child care center location to complete these hours.</li> <li>• EEC 4661 requires a 5-hour field experience with infant/toddler (birth to 36 months) or preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a location to complete these hours.</li> </ul>
<b>LAE 3405</b> – Children's Literature	
<b>EEC 4211</b> – Integrated Math and Science in Early Childhood	
<b>EEC 4706</b> – Language and Emergent Literacy	
<b>General Education Course</b>	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15</b>	

SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
EEC 3320 – Principles and Methods for Teaching Early Childhood Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. <i>(i.e., in October 2023, you can complete the FAFSA for if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2024)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.</li> <li>• EEX 3603 requires an 8-hour field experience with preschool (36 to 60 months) in Head Start or K/1/2 in a public school. Secure a location to complete these hours.</li> <li>• EEC 4613 requires a 5-hour field experience with toddlers (12 to 36 months) or preschool (36 to 60 months). Secure a location to complete these hours. The location can be a child care center, Head Start, or VPK.</li> <li>• EEC 3400 requires a <del>10</del>15-hour field experience with parents and teachers. Secure a location to complete these hours. The location can be a child care center, Head Start, or VPK.</li> <li>• Identify a child care location to complete the 25-hours per week work/volunteer requirement in EEC 4940. Age group must be different than EEC 2949.</li> <li>• Contact location and meet all their work/volunteer requirements.</li> </ul>
EEC 4227 – Creative Arts for Preschool Education/Field Experience	
EEC 3731 – Health, Nutrition and Safety of Young Children	
EEC 4661 – Early Childhood Education Theory and Practice	
General Education Course	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15</b>	

SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
EEX 3603 – Positive Behavioral Supports in Inclusive Early Childhood Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After reviewing your final program of study, apply for Graduation.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meet with your advisor to apply for graduation for your degree.</li> <li>○ Sign up for commencement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Congratulations, graduate!</li> </ul>
EEC 4613 – Assessment and Evaluation of Young Children	
EEC 3400 – Parents as Teachers/Field Experience	
EEC 4940 – Internship Early Childhood/Field Experience	
General Education Course	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15</b>	

<b>BEC DEGREE MINIMUM: 120 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS PATHWAY TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS</b>
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<sup>i</sup> Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered the college on or before this date.  
<sup>ii</sup> Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (30 hours) required for graduation through instruction by FGC to award the degree.  
<sup>iii</sup> This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).  
<sup>iv</sup> You must earn a grade of "C" or better in all Gordon Rule classes and Early Childhood Education core classes.