

Early Childhood Education

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Course Description

The Early Childhood Education Program of Study prepares students to become preschool, elementary or secondary teachers. The curriculum is structured so that students have the opportunity to explore the field of teaching. It is designed for transfer to institutions that offer teaching certificates.

Students will assume primary responsibility for meeting the specific needs of a group of children in a child development setting by nurturing the child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs; setting up and maintaining the child care environment; and establishing a liaison relationship between parents and the child development center.

The Early Childhood Education at San Carlos High School provides practice in different off-site child care centers. Students enrolling in this program are required to attend lab taught off campus in an early child care setting. Students who successfully complete this course will meet the licensing requirements for Childhood Development Associate (CDA)* with the Arizona Department of Early Childhood and Care in infant-toddler and preschool areas. Students will also receive First-Aid and CPR certifications. Students in the Early Childhood Education and Teaching program are eligible to receive 3 college credits from Gila Community College upon graduation.

<p>13.1210.10 Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education</p> <p>NAME OF COURSE: Early Childhood Professions LENGTH OF COURSE: 2 semesters GRADE LEVEL: 10, 11, 12 PREREQUISITE: Must complete Career Exploration with a C or better. Or with teacher approval.</p> <p>This is the first course in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program of Study that provides the opportunity for training in the early childhood professions. The student will investigate the eight core knowledge areas required to meet professional credentialing standards that includes growth and development, nutrition, health, safety, play, guidance, developmentally appropriate practices, community relationships, administration and professionalism.</p>	<p>13.1210.20 Early Childhood Education Applications</p> <p>NAME OF COURSE: Introduction to Early Childhood Education LENGTH OF COURSE: 2 semesters GRADE LEVEL: 11th & 12th PREREQUISITE: Must complete Career Exploration & Early Childhood Professions with a C or better.</p> <p>Introduction to the field of Early Childhood Education including history, philosophy, and the application of child development techniques. Includes techniques for observing and recording behaviors, communication skills, guidance techniques, developmentally appropriate practices and the role of the teacher in early childhood settings. Students must also complete thirty hours of observation of children birth to age eight.</p> <p>College credit may be granted through Gila Community College inter-governmental agreements with San Carlos High School.</p>	<p>13.1210.25 Early Childhood Education Applications</p> <p>NAME OF COURSE: Introduction to Early Childhood Curriculum/Activities LENGTH OF COURSE: 2 semesters GRADE LEVEL: 12th grade only PREREQUISITE: Must complete Career Exploration & Early Childhood Professions with a C or better. Concurrent enrollment with Introduction to Early Childhood Education & Coop is acceptable.</p> <p>This course provides the student with an introduction to methods and materials to assist young children in the learning process. Emphasis will be placed on arrangement of indoor/outdoor space, music and movement, dramatic play and creative media. Locating, planning, implementing and evaluating creative learning activities using a variety of methods and materials.</p> <p>Students enrolling in this program are required to attend lab taught off campus in an early child care setting.</p> <p>College credit may be granted through Gila Community College inter-governmental agreements with San Carlos High School.</p>
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*Candidates must be 18 years old; have a high school diploma or equivalent; have 480 hours of experience working with young children; and have 120 clock hours of formal training.

Program Mission Statement

San Carlos High School's Early Childhood Education Program's mission is to provide high quality educational services that are an integral member of the early childhood care and education community of the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Directed at increasing the professionalism of the early childhood and human development field. To accomplish this mission, San Carlos High's ECE Program of Study will:

- × Prepare students to work in all sectors of the local child care community, including Head Start, public and private preschools, as well as state licensed group and home child care for infants, toddlers, pre-school and school-age children.
- × Also serve as a step on a career ladder leading to a Bachelor's degree or higher in a variety of careers such as Early Intervention, child psychology, and teaching K-2 in a public or private school.
- × Deliver a philosophy that encompasses Developmentally Appropriate Practice aligned with national standards and state guidelines. Students will be expected to develop a professional attitude with an understanding of global issues and a vision for the future.