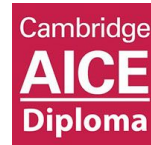


William T. Dwyer High School

Early Childhood Teacher Education Academy



What is the Early Childhood Education Academy?

The Early Childhood Teacher Education (ECTE) program provides the knowledge and skills necessary for employment in the child care industry. Students will enroll in one course each year of high school to complete the required courses. On top of the four courses, students will also be required to work hands-on with children, take certification exams, and create a resource portfolio.



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Students who complete the entire program and meet all requirements as outlined in the Requirement Checklist for Students can be awarded the Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC). The ECPC is a preschool specialization approved by the DCF as meeting the Staff Credential requirement. Also offer the CDA (Child Development Associate)

Requirements:

- 4 ECTE Courses (one per year)
 - 480 Volunteer/Intern Hours
 - DCF 40 Hour Course and Exams
 - DCF Literacy Online Course



All licensed child care facilities must have one credentialed staff member for every 20 children.

The ECPC is also one of the acceptable minimum credentials for employment as a Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) instructor.

Volunteer Hours

A large component of obtaining the ECPC is Volunteer Hours. 480 hours of direct work experience with children ages five (8) or younger must be completed to be eligible for the ECPC. The 480 hours are broken up by quarter each year with additional hours to be done during the summers.



- Little Panthers Preschool
- Aftercare Programs & Camps
- Elementary Schools
- Private Schools
- Preschools

Early Childhood Level 1

- Careers in Early Childhood
- Quality Early Childhood Programs
- Health and Safety
- Cognitive, Physical, Emotional, and Social Development of children birth to 12 years
- Meeting Nutritional Needs
- DCF Modules- **Child Health, Safety** and Nutrition and **Child Abuse and Neglect**
- Guiding Behavior
- Storytelling



Early Childhood Level 2



- ▶ Curriculum Development
- ▶ Developing Lesson Plans (Art, Math, Language, Social Studies, Science, Music and Movement)
- ▶ DCF Module- **Behavioral Observation and Screening** and **Child Growth and Development**
- ▶ Teaching Students with Special Needs
- ▶ Parent Involvement



Early Childhood Level 3

- ▶ DCF Modules:
- ▶ **Rules & Regulations**
- ▶ **Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices**
- ▶ **Preschool Appropriate Practices**
- ▶ Internship – 3rd & 4th Quarter
 - 2 lesson plans per

9 weeks

- ▶ Directed Studies Option



Early Childhood Level 4

- ▶ Internship - 2 lessons per 9 weeks
- ▶ Directed Studies Option
- ▶ Create Resource File and Portfolio
- ▶ ECPC Exams
- ▶ Preschool Literacy Course



- ▶ FLDOE Vocational Gold Seal Scholarship
- ▶ National CDA Opportunity

Intern Opportunities Off Campus

- ▶ Jerry Thomas Elementary
- ▶ Jupiter Elementary
- ▶ Lighthouse Elementary
- ▶ Marsh Pointe Elementary
- ▶ Timber Trace Elementary
- ▶ D. D. Eisenhower Elementary
- ▶ Nativity Lutheran Preschool
- ▶ Peter Pan Preschool
- ▶ Riverside Youth Enrichment Center
- ▶ Temple Beth David
- ▶ The One School



Little Panthers Preschool

On Campus Internship

- ▶ Small class size (8-12 students) allows strong student-intern relationships
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Exploration and discoveries around campus
- ▶ Hands-on experiences



Our Little Panthers



ECTE Students graduate with:

- ▶ ECPC – Early Childhood Professional Certificate by the Florida Department of Education
- ▶ National CDA Certification Opportunity
- ▶ PBCSD Grow Our Own opportunity
- ▶ Career opportunities in education
 - ▶ Knowledge useful for pursuing a college degree in any field involving children (pediatrics, psychology, education, parenting, special needs)
- ▶ Resource file and Portfolio for future use and interviews
- ▶ ECTE Silver Cord
- ▶ PBSC – 9 credits toward Early Childhood degree
- ▶ Memories that will last a lifetime!



Florida Future Educators of America

- ▶ Community Involvement
- ▶ 20 hours Teacher Assistance
- ▶ Special Projects

- ▶ FFEA Light Blue Cord

- ▶ FFEA Scholarship



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