

ACCELERATED ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM



fast FORWARD

at Newberry College

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education)

The Study of Early Childhood

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program is designed to foster pedagogy and teaching skills necessary to provide a developmentally appropriate and effective education for young children Pre K-3. The program emphasizes curriculum development, assessment, best practices, diversity, ethics, family partnerships, and professionalism.

Candidates in the ECE program examine and critique philosophical theories of how children develop. They also learn curricular approaches to early education and teaching strategies most effective for teaching young children. They explore various methods of observation and assessment, create and implement appropriate and effective lesson plans integrating content areas, diversity and technology while differentiating instruction.

Candidates successfully completing the program will have met all the requirements of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The field of early childhood is growing, providing ample opportunities for professional and para-professional positions in public schools pre-kindergarten through third grade classrooms, Head Start programs, child care facilities, and in private preschool programs, all requiring degrees or certification.



Classrooms are equipped with computers for students to use during class time.

Academic Calendar

The *fast*FORWARD Program operates on a semester hour basis with one-two groups (cohorts) of adult learners beginning each year, typically in August. Classes are offered at night, on weekends and in blended format. A typical semester will involve 15 hours of study. Six hours will be completed in two sessions of seven weeks each for a total of 12 hours. The remaining 15 hours will normally take place in a weekend college format running the length of the semester.

Why Newberry College?

Newberry College is not a Johnny-come-lately for-profit, online institution. We are a fully-accredited college that has been awarding quality degrees for more than 150 years. Our degrees are respected across the state and across the country. If you are going to invest time and money in a degree, do so in an institution and a program that will give you meaningful training and a degree you can present to employers with confidence. At Newberry College, you will march down the aisle at commencement and receive your degree, in full regalia from the President of the College. It won't be just a certificate in the mail. You will be a full-fledged alumni of the College!

Why *Fast*FORWARD?

This two plus two program is designed for working adults, such as Head Start, child care, and pre-k staff and teachers who are interested in earning an early childhood education degree, after completing two years of Early Childhood Development courses at a South Carolina Technical College. The program mirrors the rigor of our early childhood program while providing adults the opportunity to work during the day and attend class in the evenings and on Saturdays.

After Newberry College

The mission of the Teacher Education Program at Newberry College is to provide teacher candidates the opportunity to become highly qualified teachers who are caring, reflective, life-long learners with the education, experience and dispositions necessary to instruct future generations of students. In living by this mission, Newberry College produces teachers who are leaders in the field of education. This well-rounded program prepares candidates to meet the needs of all students. The ECE program began in 2006 and already boasts numerous qualified graduates teaching in local public schools.



Class sizes are small and students get to know each other through the classroom experience.

According to state statistics, Newberry College alumni rank among the top third of all South Carolina colleges and universities in performance on the teacher licensing exam.

ACHIEVABLE, CONVENIENT, AFFORDABLE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Early Childhood Education Curriculum Overview

After transferring to Newberry College, ECE majors will take the following classes to prepare them to become exceptional teachers:

Course Descriptions

Introduction to the Teacher Education Program

(EDU 101, 1 semester hour)

Emphasis is placed on Newberry College Conceptual Framework, Dispositions for Teaching, state program and testing requirements and reflection.

Classroom Environment for ECE/ELE (EDU 341, 3 semester hours)

Emphasis is placed on state and national curriculum standards; lesson design, implementation, assessment, characteristics of successful researched-based instructional approaches; successful classroom management approaches and current trends and issues in education.

Literacy Development (ECE 352, 3 semester hours)

This course will provide candidates content knowledge and experiences in developing literacy programs for young children, ages PK-3.

Technology and Teaching (EDU 382, 3 semester hours)

A study of principles of instructional design and the integration of multimedia tools to the learning environment. Participants will evaluate and develop multimedia and web-based instructional applications.

Teaching an Integrated Curriculum (ECE 437, 3 semester hours)

Emphasizes the use of content knowledge, effective practices and proven theories in an interdisciplinary approach to teaching language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, and the arts in early childhood classroom.

Methods and Materials for Social Studies (ECE 438, 3 semester hours)

Emphasis will be on the use of multi-teaching strategies to meet the needs of PK-3 students.

Methods and Materials for Math/Science (ECE 439, 3 semester hours)

Emphasis will be on the integration of math and science content, concept development, questioning techniques, and multimedia teaching strategies for meeting the needs of individuals and groups.

Art for ECE/ELE Teachers (Art 372, 3 semester hours)

An introduction to the materials and methods of organizing artistic activities for children, including teaching strategies, developmental theories, and historical bases, with studio experiences in art media for children.

Basic Concepts of Mathematics (MAT 221, 3 semester hours)

A study from the early childhood and elementary school teacher's point of view of the structure of numbers, numeration systems, fundamental operations and set theory.

Geometry for ECE/ELE Teachers (MAT 222, 3 semester hours)

A study to develop geometric intuition and insight of such concepts as congruence, measurement, parallelism, and similarity.

Music for ECE/ELE Teachers (MUS 370, 3 semester hours)

Emphasis will be on improving very basic musical skills and developing a philosophical base about music in the classroom with practice in teaching, singing, playing, moving, creating, and listening.

Internship in Reflective Practice (EDU 480, 12 semester hours)

This course is designed to provide experience useful in stimulating and guiding the learning activities of students, developing teaching skills of a high order, promoting professional attitudes that are necessary for successful teaching, and completing a unit work sample to demonstrate impact on student learning.

Internship Seminar (EDU 483, 3 semester hours)

Emphasis on developing a Unit Work Sample, Resumes and Interviewing, Lesson Planning and Professional Portfolio completion.

* Additional Courses Offered. Course descriptions available at:
<http://www.newberry.edu/academics/majors/education.asp>

VISIT NEWBERRY

Our Faculty

All faculty in the Department of Education have been public school teachers and have extensive experience working in other aspects of education. This assures our students the very best instructors in our area. Though a small college, Newberry has helped prepare hundreds of professional educators for the school system.

Explore the Possibilities; Visit Newberry College

Because we are a real-life (not just online) college, you can visit us on-campus or on-line (you may want to do both). We can interact with you however you choose.

For more detailed course descriptions and more information
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