



# Harcum College Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education

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- Philadelphia County
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- Leadership Studies
- Human Services
- Law and Justice
- Early Childhood Education

## What can I do with a Degree in Early Childhood Education?

Students will be prepared to enter the field of childcare as assistant teachers or assistant group supervisors through courses in Early Childhood Development, Program Planning, and Subject specific Classroom Methods. The State Department of Education certifies the graduate as an Assistant Teacher.

With two years experience, Associate's Degree holders may advance professionally to hold positions as lead teachers or group supervisors.

Graduates may begin to work in the childcare industry immediately or may continue their education in a four-year program.

Do you ...

- Enjoy children?
- Want to help children learn and succeed?
- Want to work in Preschool settings, Infant/Toddler Programs or with parents?

...then a degree in Early Childhood Education is for you.

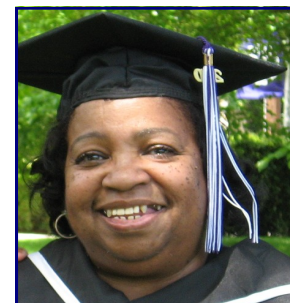


### Potential Job Titles

- Assistant Teacher
- Assistant Group Supervisor
- Head Start Staff
- Child Care Worker
- Parent Education Specialist

## Where are graduates now?

- Earning Bachelor's Degrees and beginning Master's Degrees.
- Establishing nonprofit organizations to serve the community.
- Earning promotions, higher wages and starting small businesses.



I can,  
I will,  
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Harcum College

Early childhood is defined as the period from birth to 8 years old.  
A time of remarkable brain development,  
these years lay the foundation for subsequent learning.

## Early Childhood Education

The Harcum College ECE program is dedicated to preparing students from diverse backgrounds to pursue a professional career in the field of education. Our program is based on the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) standards which include but are not limited to the following:

- Promoting child development and learning
- Building family and community relationships
- Observing, documenting, and assessing to support young children and families
- Teaching and learning
- Becoming a professional

The Harcum College ECE Program strives to prepare our students to become high quality professionals who will make a difference in their communities by displaying and understanding the importance of professionalism, lifelong learning, building community, developmentally appropriate practice, and culturally responsive awareness.

Before beginning professional coursework, accepted students must show proof of child abuse clearance, criminal record check, physical examination and immunizations.

## Skills Gained

- Early Learning Strategies
- Child Development
- Foundation Skills in Education
- Special Needs Evaluation
- Conflict Resolution
- Team Building
- Decision Making

## Curriculum

### Early Childhood Education

- Early Childhood Education
- Child Development
- Classroom Management
- Integrated Arts in Education
- Intro to Special Education
- Early Literacy
- Science, Math, Social Studies Methods PreK-4th
- Program Planning: Infant/Toddler
- The Inclusive Classroom
- Educational Psychology
- PreK Methods and Field Exp.

### General Education

- English Composition I & II
- Harcum 101
- Humanities Elective
- Sociology Elective
- College Math
- Science Elective

## Student Voices

*You grow up in this program.*

*They taught me how to vision. Through this program, I was able to see a vision for my own life which is serving the community.*

*I had all the potential that I needed to grow, they reminded me of what I was supposed to be.*

*Before the program, I was start and stop...It opened up a wide world to me and enabled me to tap into my natural leadership ability.*

*There is a leader inside you.*

