



## Early Childhood Care and Education Basics (EC31)—9 Credit Hours

### Program Description:

The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Basics certificate program includes three basic Early Childhood Care and Education courses that are needed for entry-level workers. The program provides an introductory course to the ECCE field; a child growth and development course; and a health, safety, and nutrition course. Graduates may find employment in early care and education settings including childcare centers and Georgia Pre-K programs. Bright from the Start (BFTS), the regulatory agency in Georgia, requires the basic knowledge included in this TCC for a person to be a lead teacher in a childcare center and family day care center. (Bright from the Start recognizes this certificate as equivalent to a CDA for employment.)

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<https://www.westgatech.edu/program-explorer/early-childhood-care-and-education/>

Pre-Certificate Requirements					
Program Specific					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High School students who have taken ECE classes and the NOCTI exam, contact program chair for possible course credits.</li> <li>Courses may rotate among the following locations: Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, LaGrange and Online</li> <li>State aid only</li> </ul>					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track					
<i>Meet with an Advising Coach to Stay on Track. S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer; ALL=any semester</i>					
✓	Grade	Course Names	S	CR	Notes & Milestones
		ECCE 1101 Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1103 Child Growth and Development	ALL	3	
		ECCE 1105 Health Safety and Nutrition	ALL	3	
Always check online <a href="https://www.westgatech.edu/">https://www.westgatech.edu/</a> and meet with your Advising or Faculty Coach to ensure you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.					

**Note:** If a course is full or unavailable when you attempt to register, please select an available course from any term listed, given you have satisfied the required pre-requisite.

**Employment Opportunities:** <https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/>

**Financial Aid by Program:** <https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf>

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