

Early Childhood Education I

Course Number:	FE11
Recommended Maximum Enrollment:	20*
Hours of Instruction:	270 (block)
Prerequisite:	Students must be 16 by October 1^

This two-credit course prepares students to work with children in early education and child care settings. Areas of study include personal and professional preparation, child development from birth to age 12, techniques and procedures for working with young children, and history, trends and opportunities in this field. An internship makes up 50 percent of instructional time. Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course include internship, mentorship, service learning, and job shadowing. Cooperative education and apprenticeship are not available for this course. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competitive events, community service, and leadership activities provide the opportunity to apply essential standards and workplace readiness skills through authentic experiences. Parenting and Child Development is recommended as preparation for this course.

^Because they intern in early childhood centers that must meet NC Child Care General Statute 110.91, Section 8, students must be 16 years of age prior to October 1 to enroll in this course. http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_110/GS_110-91.html

*For safety reasons, enrollment should not exceed 20 in this course.