



Division of Business and Professional Studies

Certificate in Early Childhood Education: Infant-Toddler Teacher

This program is designed to qualify students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care requirements for teachers in group infant/toddler and child care centers. Only EEC-qualified individual may accept positions as teachers in classrooms serving children ages 0-3 years. A one-semester supervised field work component in an approved infant-toddler center gives students valuable practical experience, thereby supplementing classroom theory and learning.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- Use knowledge of child development, diversity and educational philosophies to create supportive and challenging learning environments for infants and toddlers from birth to three years.
- Demonstrate culturally sensitive strategies for engaging families in children's care and education.
- Use recognized observation and documentation techniques appropriately for assessing and supporting young children's development and learning.
- Build, implement and evaluate meaningful curriculum.
- Display best practice professional dispositions of early childhood educators.