



## **Division of Business and Professional Studies**

### **Certificate in Early Childhood Education**

This program is designed to qualify students to meet the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care requirements for teachers in group child care centers. Holders of this certificate are eligible to apply for EEC professional qualification as a preschool teacher. A one-semester supervised field work component in an approved 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 all young children.
- Demonstrate culturally sensitive strategies for engaging families and communities in children's learning.
- Use recognized observation and documentation techniques appropriately for the assessment and support of young children.
- Build, implement and evaluate meaningful curriculum.
- Display best practice professional dispositions of early childhood educators.