



Rhode Island College Birth - 3 Certificate of Undergraduate Studies

If you are an Early Childhood Educator working with children ages birth to 3 in a RI DHS Licensed/CCAP child care center or family home care program you are eligible to enroll in a Certificate of Undergraduate Studies (CUS) in B-3 at RIC.

You will earn 16 college credits as part of B3 CUS. The program includes two courses that articulate with CCRI and can be applied towards an AA at CCRI; or all 16 credits are applicable towards the BS in ECED with a Concentration in B3 at RIC. All classes are offered in the evening in a hybrid format with some class sessions meeting face-to-face and some sessions meeting online. The program offers the option of the RI-Best model that is designed to support individuals whose first language is Spanish. The RI-Best model includes course content being delivered in Spanish accompanied by a 1-credit ESL support course each semester; with a gradual progression towards content instruction in English. On-site mentoring is included as part of the program.

Course Delivery Format:

Content courses will be delivered in a Hybrid format using a cohort model. The model will utilize primarily online synchronous sessions (10-11 sessions) with Face-2-Face sessions 3 times during the semester (during regularly scheduled class time).

Candidate Requirements:

Admission:

- Any DHS Licensed CCAP providers/educators are eligible to participate. Candidates will be admitted to RIC as a non-degree student.

Retention:

- Candidates must achieve a minimum of a B- in each course including ESL courses to remain in the program.

We anticipate the program beginning in Fall of 2023 and are accepting applications of interest at this time.

Please contact Dr. Leslie Sevey at LSevey@ric.edu for more information.

Courses will be offered in this anticipated sequence:

- **Fall 2023** - ECED 310: Contextualizing Infant/Toddler Education (3 credits)
- **Spring 2024** - ECED 312: I/T Cognitive Development & Learning (3 credits)
- **Summer 2024** - ECED 314: I/T Social Emotional Development (3 credits)
- **Fall 2024** - ECED 410: Field Experience I (4 credits) (On-site coaching sessions)
- **Spring 2025** - ECED 202: Early Childhood Development (3 credits)