



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Early Childhood Education Program prepares students for employment in the early childhood setting. The Early Childhood Education program includes instruction in child growth and development; child health and nutrition; safety; instructional planning and assessment; supervision of developmentally appropriate practices and learning activities. Child guidance, family relationships, parenting, and applicable legal and administrative requirements are also addressed.

[Arizona Department of Education Standards](#)

[Arizona Department of Education Professional Standards](#)

[US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

**Catalina Foothills High School Scope and Sequence**

## Early Childhood Education 1

### Grades 10|11|12

Early Childhood Education 1 will explore elements which affect behavior, physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children during prenatal, infancy, and preschool age. This course introduces developmental theorists, roles of genetics, health and social influences, policy issues and domains of development. Students will examine professional, legal and ethical practices and regulations that promote healthy and safe childhood environments. Students will have the opportunity to observe in an early childhood learning center.

**Certification Available: Fingerprint card; Mandated Reporting**  
**Dual Enrollment: PCC ECE 117**  
**Child Growth and Development**  
**SY 2024-2025 students will also take PCC ECE 118 Foundations of ECE**

## Early Childhood Education 2

### Grades 11|12

Early Childhood Education 2 offers advanced applications of Early Childhood knowledge and practice. Students will explore historical and contemporary early childhood influences with an in-depth study of the health, safety and nutritional needs. This course includes application of developmental theories; ECE agency management; early childhood observation and assessment; classroom management; professional and ethical responsibilities and teaching strategies in an early childhood learning center. Students will have the opportunity to design, present and assess activities in an early childhood learning center, Community Schools, or at one of our elementary schools.

**Certification Available: CPR/ First Aid; Food Handlers; Bloodborne Pathogens**  
**Dual Enrollment: PCC ECE 118**  
**Foundations of ECE & PCC 125**  
**Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Young Child**

## Early Childhood Education 3

### Grade 12

Early Childhood Education 3 is a lab-based course designed to prepare students for employment in the early childhood field. In partnership with CFSD's early childhood programs, students will gain internship hours in a classroom setting. Through a combination of collaborative and self-directed projects/lessons, students will implement best practices regarding curriculum design and assessment methods as they apply formal and informal observations in understandings of child development.



Student Organization Early Childhood Education: Students are encouraged to join FCCLA

