

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Early Childhood Education Courses

Family and Consumer Sciences courses prepare students for multiple roles in the home, work and the community as well as offer training for many diverse professions including day-care worker, babysitter, and with further education, a preschool, elementary, middle school, or high school teacher. By coordinating classroom theory with hands-on experience, students develop and enhance their creative skills, and their problem-solving skills necessary for successful living now and in the future. All Family and Consumer Science courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks. Each of these courses is considered a practical art.

Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD 1 - CP
5 Credits (#67024)

This semester course combines classroom instruction with hands-on participation working with children in the Lion's Den Preschool (the in-house preschool) and with school-age children in the Extended Day Program at Harrington School in the morning. Theory of Child Development is studied throughout the course, including the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children from age three to twelve. With knowledge gained in the classroom, students have the opportunity to create and develop developmentally appropriate activities for the young children they will be working with. Students also have the opportunity to explore careers in this field. Students who are 18 years old will be asked to fill out a C.O.R.I. form and provide photo identification before they begin working with the young children. This course is considered a practical art.

Grades 10, 11, & 12

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD 2

This semester course is a sequel to Exploring Early Childhood 1. Students will continue to work with children in the Lion's Den Preschool (the in-house preschool) and with school-age children in the Extended Day Program at Harrington School in the morning. Again, theory of Child Development is studied throughout the course, including the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children from age three to twelve. However, pregnancy, prenatal development, and the birth process are discussed at great length. Students will have the opportunity to simulate parenthood in this course. Students will also have the opportunity to plan an entire day in the Lion's Den Preschool by creating several developmentally appropriate activities for the preschool children. Students who are 18 years old will be asked to fill out a C.O.R.I. form and provide photo identification before they begin working with the young children. This course is considered a practical art.

Grades 11 & 12

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD 3/DIRECTED STUDY



This year-long advanced course is a continuation of Exploring Early Childhood 1 and 2. This course gives high school students a more comprehensive understanding of the day-to-day operations of a preschool, kindergarten, elementary or middle school classroom. Throughout the course, students work as teacher assistants with a mentor teacher within the school system. With the help of the mentoring teacher, each student will be expected to teach at least six lessons to the young students they are working with. Students will also do independent research on early childhood theorists. The final assessment of the course is the completion of a portfolio. Students who are 18 years old will be asked to fill out a C.O.R.I. form and provide photo identification before they begin working with young children. This course is designed for students pursuing a career working with children. This course is considered a practical art.