Early Childhood Education

Associate Degree

- Early Childhood Education
- CSCU Transfer Ticket: Early Childhood Teacher Credential Studies*

Certificates

- Early Childhood Administration
- Early Childhood Education

* Contact the Program Coordinator for details and program requirements, or visit tunxis.edu/academics.

Program Information

This program provides students with the skills and competencies necessary to work effectively with young children, birth through age eight, in the field of professional childcare and education.

The degree program prepares students for positions as teachers and assistant teachers in a variety of early childhood settings. Instruction is designed to be practical for prospective teachers as well as individuals already in the field. It also prepares students for academic work at the baccalaureate level. Graduates of the ECE associate degree are eligible for the state of CT Early Childhood Teacher Credential.

Under supervision students gain experience working with children at the Tunxis Early Childhood Center.

For a complete guide with recommended sequence of required courses, find your program of interest at tunxis.edu/academics.

For more information, contact:

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For a credit application form, see tunxis.edu/apply
Core Courses in These Programs Include

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Early Child Development
- Creative Experiences/Children
- Children's Literature
- Observation, Participation and Seminar
- The Exceptional Learner
- Early Language and Literacy Development
- Child, Family and School Relations
- Student Teaching

About Tunxis

Tunxis offers over 60 associate degrees and certificates that prepare students for transfer to four-year degrees and transition into the workforce. Our conveniently located 292,000 square-foot campus features a modern 20,000 square-foot Library, Computer Center, Veterans’ OASIS, state-of-the-art dental lab, art and design studios, art gallery, NAEYC-accredited child care center, and more.

Welcoming all those who can benefit from its services and programs, Tunxis serves over 6,500 credit and 5,000 credit-free students each year from the Farmington Valley and beyond. Our diverse students span a variety of ages and come from over 100 of Connecticut’s towns, several states, and over 20 countries.

Transfer

Many Tunxis students transfer, continuing their studies at four-year colleges. Transferable credits have enabled Tunxis students to pursue higher degrees at a wide variety of private and public colleges in Connecticut and beyond. New Transfer Tickets degrees provide seamless transfer and a low-cost pathway from Tunxis to a bachelor’s degree at the Connecticut State Universities and Charter Oak State College.

Financial Aid

Tunxis encourages all students who are interested in offsetting the cost of their education to apply for financial aid. Approximately 65% of Tunxis students receive financial aid, and the college distributes over $7 million in grants annually. Tunxis also awards thousands of dollars in Foundation scholarships each year to eligible students. To help make paying your tuition more convenient, a payment plan is available. For more on tuition, see tunxis.edu/tuition.

Expected Length of Study

Length of study will vary depending on placement testing and other factors such as full-time status and whether a student opts to take summer or winter session classes. However, full-time students who place into English Comp and Mat 141, can expect to finish their certificate in 8 months, and an associate degree in 20 months.

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