2025-2026 Catalog Addendum December 2025

The current Westmoreland County Community College Catalog covers the 2025-2026 academic year. This addendum lists programs of study and college policies that are new or have been updated after November 2025. Students should speak with their advisor or counselor if they have questions regarding these changes.

All information in this addendum is effective December 2025 unless otherwise noted.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY **COLLEGE**

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Elementary Education PreK-4, AA
School of Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

Program Description

This program reflects the standards established by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the PA Department of Education for students preparing for transfer to teacher certification programs. Students should work with the transfer counselor to choose their 4-year institution as early as possible so electives can be chosen accordingly. The Elementary Education PreK-4 AA program provides a foundation for developing preservice dispositions that emphasize research-based practices. Developmentally appropriate practices, cultural responsiveness, and inclusiveness are emphasized as skills necessary for graduates. Field experience is required at approved PreK-4 sites. This program is available in online and lecture formats.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program are prepared to transfer to a 4-year institution and apply for teacher certification in grades Prek-4 after completing the baccalaureate program. Transfer to 4-year institutions requires a minimum GPA and score on the PAPA or PRAXIS CORE exam.

Graduates of this program are also prepared to enter the early childhood workforce on Level B of OCDEL'S Career Pathway. Graduates are qualified for positions as: program director, preschool teacher, lead teacher, assistant teacher, home visitor, service coordinator, family childcare provider, and public school aide.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:
- NAEYC 1: Promote child development and learning in context.
- NAEYC 2: Build family-teacher partnerships and community relationships.
- NAEYC 3: Observe, document, and assess to support young children and families.
- NAEYC 4: Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching practices.
- NAEYC 5: Demonstrate skill in the knowledge, application, and integration of academic content in the early childhood curriculum.
- NAEYC 6: Demonstrate professionalism as an early childhood educator.

Program Requirements

Students must maintain a 2.8 GPA and achieve a grade of C in all ECE courses to remain in this program. If the GPA drops below 2.8, students should retake program coursework to improve GPA. Students are required to complete all clearances and requirements per field experience sites.

This program is eligible for full funding through the Early Care and Education PDO at PASSHE scholarship and the PA TEACH scholarship.

Elementary Education PreK-4, AA

School of Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	ECE 155	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3		
	3	ECE 157	Child Growth and Development	3		
	4	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement	
	5	MTH 180	Elements of Mathematics I	3	MTH 052 or Placement	
	6	Elective	Social Science Elective	3		PSY 160, PSY 161, PSY 165, SOC 155, SOC 255
1st Spring	7	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List
	8	ECE 165	Family and Society	3		
	9	ECE 166	Early Childhood Language and Literacy	3	ECE155	
	10	MTH 185	Elements of Mathematics II	3	MTH 180 with "C" grade or better	
	11	Elective	Humanities Elective	3		ART 155, ART 162, ART 165, FRN 155, FRN 156, MUS 155, PHL 101, PHL 103, SPA 155, SPA 156
2nd Fall	12	Elective	Natural Science with Lab Elective	4	See Catalog Description	BIO 155, BIO 156, BIO 171, BIO 172, CHM 107, CHM 108, CHM 150, CHM 160, EPS 150, EPS 163, PHY 155, PHY 156, PHY 255, PHY 256
	13	ECE 257	Introduction to Exceptional Development	3		
	14	ECE 255	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3	ECE155	
	15	ECE 256	Assessment and Observation of Young Children	3		
	16	ENG 255	Introduction to Literature	3		
2nd Spring	17	ENG 250	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3		
	18	ECE 167	Creative Experiences	3		
	19	ECE 284	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4	Minimum 2.0 GPA, ECE 166 & ECE 255 + Completed interest form, site agreement, and liability insurance. Students must verify the prerequisites with the program director to register	
	20	Elective	History Elective	3		HIS 155, HIS 156, HIS 249, HIS 255, HIS 256, HIS 257, HIS 262
	21	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List

Minimum Program Credits   **63**   **ECE**

Restricted Electives: ASL 101; ASL 102; ASL 201
Any Tech Literacy Course Column VI AA
ECE 156; ECE 168; ECE 170; ECE 176; ECE 177; ECE 178; ECE 265; MUS 156; PSY 165; EDU 200

Early Childhood Education, AAS
School of Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

Program Description

This program reflects the standards established by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) for students in the field of early childhood education (ECE). The program provides a foundation for working in childcare settings with children from infancy through nine years while developing dispositions that center research-based practices. Developmentally appropriate practices, cultural responsiveness, and inclusiveness are emphasized as skills necessary for effective graduates. Supervised observational field experience is required and can be completed at approved early childcare sites. This program is available in online and lecture formats.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program are prepared to enter the early childhood workforce on Level V of OCDEL'S Career Pathway. Graduates are qualified for positions as: program director, preschool teacher, lead teacher, assistant teacher, home visitor, service coordinator, family childcare provider, and public school aide.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successfully completing this program, students will be able to:
- NAEYC 1: Promote child development and learning in context.
- NAEYC 2: Build family-teacher partnerships and community relationships.
- NAEYC 3: Observe, document, and assess to support young children and families.
- NAEYC 4: Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate teaching practices.
- NAEYC 5: Demonstrate skill in the knowledge, application, and integration in the early childhood curriculum.
- NAEYC 6: Demonstrate professionalism as an early childhood educator.

Program Requirements

Students must achieve a grade of C in all ECE courses to complete this program. Students are required to complete all clearances and requirements per field experience sites. This program is eligible for full funding through the Early Care and Education PDO at PASSHE scholarship and the PA TEACH scholarship.

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1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	ECE 155	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3		
	3	MUS 156	Early Childhood Music	3		
	4	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement	
	5	Elective	Tech Literacy Elective	3		Page 47 Column VI
	6	Elective	Social Science Elective	3		Page 47 Column III
1st Spring	7	ECE 157	Child Growth and Development	3		
	8	ECE 165	Family and Society	3		
	9	ECE 257	Introduction to Exceptional Development	3		
	10	ENG 162	Technical Communication	3	ENG 161	ENG 163, ENG 164
	11	ECE 170	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3		
2nd Fall	12	ECE 156	Infant & Toddler Development	3		
	13	ECE 283	Infant & Toddler Practicum	1	Completed interest form, site agreement, and liability insurance. Verify prerequisites with the program director to register for this course; Co: ECE 156	
	14	ECE 166	Early Childhood Language and Literacy	3	ECE155	
	15	ECE 255	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3	ECE155	
	16	Elective	Math Elective	3	See Catalog Description	Page 47 Column IV
2nd Spring	17	ENG 250	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3		
	18	ECE 256	Assessment and Observation of Young Children	3		
	19	ECE 284	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4	Minimum 2.0 GPA, ECE 166 & ECE 255 + Completed interest form, site agreement, and liability insurance. Students must verify the prerequisites with the program director to register for this course.	
	20	ECE 167	Creative Experiences	3		
	21	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List

Minimum Program Credits   **60**   **ERC**

Restricted Electives: ASL 101; ECE 168; ECE 176; ECE 177; ECE 178; ECE 265; EDU 200