

## **ECE 3415: Infants: Stages of Growth and Development & Developmentally Appropriate Care and Activities**

### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education Program. Corequisite: ECE 3410, ECE 3420.*

This course provides students with an understanding of the importance of infant development from birth to eighteen months of age. Students will study the dramatic physical, sensorial, emotional, and cognitive growth that occurs during each stage of development. They will learn to create supportive environments and to use appropriate materials, activities, and methods of care and education that can enhance the important developmental periods that children experience from birth to 18 months of age.

## **ECE 3420: Observation and Supervised Practice Teaching – Infants**

### **5 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education Program. Corequisite: ECE 3410, ECE 3415.*

Teacher candidates will learn to develop, plan, and implement strategies for the care and education of infants from birth to 18 months of age. Candidates will teach under the supervision of childcare professionals and a university faculty. Candidates will develop skills in the application of developmentally appropriate practices with infants. Candidates will meet with a university supervisor each week to review planning and teaching strategies and to discuss their concerns. Verification of professional liability insurance is required prior to placement in the teaching experience.

## **ECE 3435: Toddlers: Stages of Growth and Development & Developmentally Appropriate Care and Activities**

### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Admission to the Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education Program. Corequisite: ECE 3445.*

Students will develop an understanding of the importance of infant development from eighteen months to three years of age. Students will learn to identify and support the important physical, sensorial, emotional, language, and cognitive growth that take place during each stage of development. They will learn how to enhance that development through the creation of supportive environments and through the application of developmentally appropriate activities, methods, and materials.