

DESCRIPTION

The Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) at STADIO Higher Education is designed to widen access to higher education and address the growing need for qualified early childhood educators in South Africa.

Aligned with national education and development priorities, the programme equips students with foundational professional knowledge, practical teaching experience, and 21st-century skills to support the holistic development of children from birth to five years.

Offered through a flexible, technology-driven mode of delivery, the qualification prepares both traditional and non-traditional students for meaningful careers in ECCE while promoting values of inclusivity, social justice, care, professionalism, and lifelong learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a Senior Certificate (SC); **OR**
- a National Senior Certificate (NSC), with a minimum of 40% in three modules including a Home Language, and a minimum of 30% in three other modules; **OR**
- a National Senior Certificate – Vocational Level 4 (NC(V)); **OR**
- a National Senior Certificate for Adults (NASCA); **OR**
- an appropriate Level 4 Certificate in ECD;

with

- a minimum of 40% in English Home Language or English First Additional Language.



MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Wi-Fi: Reliable broadband Internet access
- Web browser: Microsoft Edge/Chrome/Safari/Opera/FireFox.
- PDF Viewer: The free Adobe Acrobat software.
- Scanning documents: Ability to scan and upload documents.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

- Computer/Laptop: A current Windows or Apple Mac computer/laptop capable of running the Office 365 software (which STADIO provides to a STADIO student). Office 365 includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook.
- Email/cell phone for communication and video creation.

ARTICULATION POSSIBILITIES

Graduates who meet the minimum entry requirements may articulate vertically by presenting this qualification for admission to the following:

- BEd (Foundation Phase) – STADIO (117853)
- BEd (Intermediate Phase) – STADIO (117848)

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

YEAR	1st YEAR	
Compulsory	Teaching Practice Experience	TPE152 (20 credits)
SEMESTER 1	1st YEAR	
Compulsory (All)	Early Childhood Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment	ECPA152 (15 credits)
	Early Learning and Development	ELD152 (10 credits)
	Fundamental Literacies	FDL152 (15 credits)
	STEM in Early Childhood	SEC152 (15 credits)
SEMESTER 2		
Compulsory (All)	Foundations of Education Studies	FES152 (15 credits)
	Health, Safety and Nutrition in an Early Childhood Context	HSN152 (10 credits)
	Literacy, Language and Creativity in Early Childhood	LCC152 (15 credits)
Elective	Language Conversational Afrikaans OR Language Conversational isiXhosa OR Language Conversational isiZulu OR Language Conversational Sepedi OR Language Conversational Setswana	LCA152 (10 credits) OR LCX152 (10 credits) OR LCZ152 (10 credits) OR LCSP152 (10 credits) OR LCSW152 (10 credits)
CREDITS PER YEAR	125	

The credits for each module in the curriculum outline table is shown in brackets.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR	CHILD ADVOCACY AND POLICY SPECIALIST
CHILDCARE ASSISTANT OR FACILITATOR	CURRICULUM DEVELOPER
CHILDCARE PROVIDER	EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTANT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST
PARENT EDUCATOR	CHILDCARE CENTRE PRINCIPAL / MANAGER / DIRECTOR / ADMINISTRATOR
EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	