

# Certificate in Infant-Toddler Care

*(Note: This program will be phased out in 2023.)*

This certificate in Infant-Toddler Care is a 12 credit certificate for students who do not have previous credits in infant/toddler care. It is designed for students who work with infants and toddlers in a licensed center-based program or family day care program including teachers in Early Head Start or other publicly funded programs. This program of study provides infant/toddler teachers/care providers with opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of how infants and toddlers develop and learn.

Applicants must have at least one year's experience working with infants and toddlers in a licensed center-based or licensed family day care program and have a high school diploma or G.E.D or higher.

This Certificate is 12 credits and all of these credits must be completed at Charter Oak State College. The four courses (12 credits) will provide a foundation of practical and theoretical knowledge in all core competency areas for the optimal care and development of infants and toddlers. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

In addition to earning 12 credits, students in the certificate program must demonstrate that they have successfully completed CPR and First Aid and that their qualification is current. Students must also provide documentation verifying that they have one-year experience working with infants and toddlers.

Credits towards the certificate must be earned at Charter Oak State College through either credit-based courses or Pathways exams. The only exception to this requirement is when the student is currently enrolled in an ECE program at Charter Oak State College and has added the certificate on to an existing degree program where the community college courses have already been accepted.

Students who have earned a CDA in Infant/Toddler Care may have the CDA accepted to meet the experience requirements. The CDA may not be used to meet course equivalencies for any courses that are part of the certificate.

Students enrolling in the Infant/Toddler Certificate Program will have one year from the date of application to earn the certificate.

## Certificate Core Courses

ECE 176: Health, Safety and Nutrition	3 cr
ECE 231: Early Language and Literacy Development	3 cr
Infant/Toddler Growth and Development	3 cr
OR	
ECE 247: Child Development: Birth to Eight	
ECE 261: Methods and Techniques for Infants/Toddlers	3 cr
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 cr</b>

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a Certificate in Infant-Toddler Care will be able to:

1. identify the developmental domains and explain their interrelationship with early learning and development;
2. explain how infants and toddlers grow and develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively, in order to create realistic expectations and provide quality early learning experiences for infants and toddlers;
3. identify how strong attachments are formed and why they are important;
4. explain the progression of early language development in infants and toddlers and how to apply this knowledge to create optimal environments for language and literacy development in infants and toddlers;
5. explain how to create environments that foster health and safety practices and understand the importance of good nutrition in the healthy development of infants and toddlers; and
6. explain how to build relationships with families, work collaboratively with families, and value the family as the primary caregiver and educator of their young children.