

# Edec 611: Early Childhood Education and Care Today

## Teacher Education

With increasing attention accorded to the practices and policies affecting young children and their families, this course provides an in- depth understanding of the forces that shape and the issues that confront contemporary early childhood education and care (ECEC) in the United States. Designed for those interested in advancing their general knowledge of the status of ECEC, the course addresses contextual and historical variables that have affected its evolution in the United States. Within this framework, the course sits at the intersection of adapted theory and applied science, and provides a thorough overview of the pedagogy, practices, policies, and issues framing the design and delivery of contemporary ECEC. Central to such formulations, the role of parents and families is addressed as a critical contouring variable. Designed in three units, the course addresses: (i) understanding early childhood education and care practice and policy in the United States; (ii) identifying critical policy challenges; and (iii) addressing critical policy challenges.

3 Credits

## Instruction Type(s)

- Lecture: Lecture for Edec 611
- Lecture: Web-based Lecture for Edec 611
- Lecture: Online Program for Edec 611

## Subject Areas

- [Early Childhood Education and Teaching](#)

## Related Areas

- [Elementary Education and Teaching](#)
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- [Kindergarten/PreSchool Education and Teaching](#)
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- [Secondary Education and Teaching](#)
- [Teacher Education and Professional Development. Specific Levels and Methods. Other](#)
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