

Inclusive Early Childhood Education (birth – grade 2)

School of Education

The program requirements pertain to the Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students currently on SUNY campuses should consult their academic advisor for additional choices in general education categories when any course is recommended.

- To view all required courses for the program and Cortland's General Education courses, see the most current undergraduate [Catalog](#).
- Use the [transfer equivalency tables](#) to choose equivalents at your transfer college.
- **Students must choose a concentration or second major for this program.** Students can choose from the following concentrations: Humanities, Social Sciences, Math, English Language Arts and Writing, or Environmental Studies. Second major options are: Art History, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English, French, Geography, Geology, History, Mathematics, Musical Theatre, Physics, Political Science, and Spanish. Second majors that are Bachelor of Arts (BA) programs require a higher level of foreign language and sign language may not be acceptable.
- If you plan to transfer before you complete your associate's degree, you can still earn your degree via [Reverse Transfer](#).

About Inclusive Early Childhood Education

This is a dual certification program that prepares you to obtain dual certification in early childhood education and early childhood special education to teach students with and without disabilities in preschool settings through grade 2. You will learn to create high-quality inclusive environments that respect all children and their families, are developmentally appropriate and are child centered.

Career Potential

- Early childhood education teacher of children ages birth to grade 2
- Early childhood special education teacher of children ages birth to grade 2
- Child-care provider
- Child-care center director
- Resource and referral counselor

What Will I Learn?

Student teaching and fieldwork provide real-world experience that brings classroom learning to life. Through this program, you'll

- Develop strategies for teaching students with disabilities in inclusive classrooms
- Become familiar with assessment techniques to understand the growth and development of young children
- Explore the philosophies and interpersonal aspects of directing child-care centers or programs

Applying to Cortland

- SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Online [application](#). Choose just one way to apply; both require a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- If you apply to Cortland using the SUNY application, SUNY will waive the \$50 application fee for transfer students graduating with an associate degree from a SUNY or CUNY college, who apply directly to Cortland for baccalaureate programs.
- Fall applicants should apply by March 1. Spring applications should apply by November 1.
- After [applying](#), students must send transcripts from all colleges attended and a high school transcript.

Cortland's Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.) Program (Fall Applicants Only)

- SUNY Cortland's C.U.R.E. program provides scholarship support, mentoring and programming to eligible students interested in working in urban education after graduation.
- Students from demographic groups that are underrepresented in teaching or students who have a serious interest in urban education are eligible to apply.
- Admission in the C.U.R.E. program is open to Fall applicants only. [Applications](#) can be submitted online.