

NC Community College Early Childhood Program Survey 2007-2008

Data Collected: May 2009



07/08 Survey Response Rate

- ▶ Response Rate: 79.3%
 - Collected May 2009 for 07/08
 - Fiscal Year is July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008
 - 46/58 colleges responded
 - 85 counties in service delivery area of respondents
 - *Online courses may expand counties covered*

Overview

- ▶ Degrees offered statewide
 - 58 Early Childhood Education AAS Degree Programs
 - 42 School Age Education Degree Programs approved to be offered
 - 36 offer Infant/Toddler Care certificate; 1 pending
- ▶ Housed in over a dozen different divisions

New Options in 09/10

Degrees

- Early Childhood Education AAS (A55220)= 39 colleges have updated their programs of study effective Fall 2009 (including CIP updates)
- School Age Education AAS (A55440)= 21 colleges have filed a program of study effective Fall 2009 for this program.
 - 3 plan to apply to offer a new degree that didn't have the TA concentration

Both of the above may include diploma options– D55220 & D55440

Certificates

- Infant Toddler Care Certificate (C55290)
- Early Childhood certificates (C55220)– could be school age, administration, special education, early childhood, etc.
- School Age Education certificates (C55440** or C55220)– could be school age, etc.= 22 colleges/ 47.8%
 - Population= school age child care providers and teacher assistants in public schools

NAEYC Accreditation for Associate Degree Programs

- ▶ 73 accredited in US (as of 12/09)
- ▶ 12 accredited early childhood education degree programs (www.naeyc.org/ecada/)
- ▶ No increase in number of programs accredited since 2008
- ▶ Barriers reported: Time & Funding
- ▶ Current resources available:
 - NC Net
 - Perkins funds for professional development
 - 10 programs working through self-study process
 - DCD funded accreditation project 2009–2010
 - Funds for accreditation fees
 - Number of programs unspecified, as of 12/09

Student Demographics

- ▶ 16,861 students enrolled in ECE courses (58 colleges)
- ▶ *Average Age = 35.4 years
- ▶ *Gender
 - Female = 97.6% Male = 2.4%
- ▶ *Enrollment Status
 - Full Time (12+ sch) = 14% Part Time = 86%
- ▶ *Ethnicity
 - Black, Non-Hispanic = 46%
 - White, Non-Hispanic = 46%
 - Hispanic = 1.9%
 - Other/ Unknown/Multiple = 7.9%

**Percentages based on Early Childhood Degree students (A55220)*

Student Count	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
Early Childhood Education (ECE) Certificate (varies) <i>* Includes IT Certificate</i> <i>**IT Certificate Only</i>	1,239	1,267	979	1,525	1,723	1,992* 103**
ECE Diploma (varies)	492	519	470	684	640	660
ECE AAS*** Degree	6,006	6,897	7,364	10,240	10,848	11,267
Special Education Degree, Diploma, Certificate	51	113	169	283	339	430
Teacher Associate Certificate (varies)	112	157	125	81	48	97
Teacher Associate Diploma	25	37	22	34	43	39
Teacher Associate Degree	976	1,561	1,954	2,686	2,493	2,376
Total Students	8,901	10,551	11,083	15,536	16,212	16,861

***AAS degree (15 gen ed & 49 semester hours in major courses/content)
 Note: School age degree data will be added in 08/09 survey

Increased Access

Sessions

- 8 week sessions 26/46 programs offer
- Summer sessions 36/46 programs offer

Delivery Strategies

- Hybrid/Blended 69% plan to increase classes
- Online 58% plan to increase classes
- Seated/Face to Face 82% do not plan to increase classes
- Off-site 73% do not plan to increase classes
- Weekend/Saturday 20/46 programs offer
- Evening 42/46 programs offer
- 1 day a week/3 hr 39/46 programs offer
- 3 days a week/1 hr 14/46 programs offer
- 2 days a week/1½ hr 35/46 programs offer

Faculty Demographics

- ▶ Majority of faculty are...
 - Female
 - White/European American
 - Hold Masters degrees
 - Working part time

Who teaches the courses?

Data shows that full time faculty teach majority of full time classes...

- 37.8% teach 50 – 75% of all EDU courses
- 40% teach 76 – 100% of all EDU courses

Faculty Workloads

▶ Advising Load

- 101 – 250 plus students 12 programs
- 51 – 100 students 20 programs
- 0 – 50 students 14 programs

▶ Typical advising time 55% of respondents report length is 1 – 3 hours

- 24% of respondents report length of session is more than 3 hours
- 85% report advising a student 2 – 4 times/yr

▶ Teaching Workload

- 42 programs reported faculty teach 18 sch or more
 - 29 report faculty load of 18 sch
 - 8 report faculty load of 21 sch
 - 5 report faculty load of 24 sch