

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

(Effective Fall 2016)

The Certificate Program in Early Childhood Development is designed for students who wish to pursue concentrated study in the area of child development and to gain practical experience in working with young children. *Please note that this certificate does not provide teacher licensure.* To enhance employment opportunities, students are advised to combine the certificate with a bachelor's degree.

The Certificate curriculum consists of four courses, totaling sixteen academic credits. Through this coursework, students are provided with broad exposure to important areas of study in general and child psychology. Additionally, they are given the opportunity to explore in more depth developmental topics that reflect their unique interests and goals. The practicum offers students actual hands-on experience in working with young children at the Purchase College Children's Center.

Certificate course requirements:

- 1) Introduction to Psychology (BPS/PSY1530)
- 2) Child Development (PSY2650) or Developmental Psychology (BPS3350)
- 3) Practicum in Child Development (PSY3850)
- 4) One elective in the field of child development from among the following:

Social Development (PSY3330)  
Cognitive Development (PSY3345)  
Social Issues in Developmental Psychology (PSY3440)  
Development of Language (PSY3490)  
Developmental Psychopathology (PSY3725)  
Gender Development (PSY3845)  
Seminar in Early Childhood Development (PSY3855)

Course prerequisites, if any, are listed at the end of the individual course descriptions in the Purchase College Course Catalog and/or in the Registration Schedule. Individual courses may be taken without commitment to the entire program. Day and evening courses are available; since the Children's Center offers daytime childcare, the practicum is offered only during the day. Some courses may be offered during Summer Session, but not every course is offered every year. At least two semesters are required for completion of the program. No more than two courses will be accepted in transfer course work for the certificate.

To earn the certificate, students must be high school graduates and earn a grade of C or better in certificate courses. Applications for the certificate may be obtained from the instructor for the Practicum in Child Development (BPS/PSY 3850) in the Psychology Board of Study.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this document, the State University of New York at Purchase expressly reserves the right, whenever it deems advisable (1) to change or modify its schedule of tuition and fees (2) to withdraw, cancel, reschedule or modify any course, program of study, degree or any requirement or policy in connection with the foregoing and (3) to change or modify any academic or other policy.

### Application for Certificate in Early Childhood Development

This application is required for the Certificate of Early Childhood Development. Please complete all the information below and return to: Dr. Carolyn B. Cates, Psychology, Natural Sciences 1026, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase NY 10577-1400. *Completed applications must be submitted during the semester in which the certificate course work is completed. Further, **Completed applications MUST be accompanied by a copy of your transcripts indicating that all coursework has been satisfactorily completed and that the grades have been officially recorded.** Applications MUST be submitted within two weeks after the end of the semester during which the coursework is completed.* Your certificate will be mailed to you at the address listed below after verification of your application information. To earn a certificate, students must maintain a C average or better in the certificate courses.

Please type or print the information below. All applications must be complete; failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of your application. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Cates, (914) 251-6654, [carolyn.cates@purchase.edu](mailto:carolyn.cates@purchase.edu)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ I am a C.E. \_\_\_\_ Matriculated \_\_\_\_ student.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade
BPS/PSY1530	Introduction to Psychology	4	_____	_____
PSY2650	Child Development	4	_____	_____
	<i>or</i>			
BPS3350	Developmental Psychology		_____	_____
PSY3850	Practicum in Child Development	4	_____	_____
Circle One Elective:				
PSY3330	Social Development	4	_____	_____
PSY3345	Cognitive Development	4	_____	_____
PSY3440	Social Issues in Developmental Psychology	4	_____	_____
PSY3490	Development of Language	4	_____	_____
PSY3725	Developmental Psychopathology	4	_____	_____
PSY3845	Gender Development	4	_____	_____
PSY3855	Seminar in Early Childhood Development	4	_____	_____

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_