



University of Maine at Farmington
At the Bath/Brunswick University College Center
and Kennebec Valley Community College

See courses and sections below to determine when and where courses meet.

COURSES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION For Birth – School Age 5 Certification (081)



The University of Maine at Farmington is now offering an opportunity for early childhood educators in southern, central and mid-coast Maine to work toward the new Maine Birth-to-School Age Five (081) certificate closer to home.

What? UMF courses in early childhood education applicable to the new Maine Birth-School Age 5 (081) certification.

Who? Educators who are working in pre-K programs in public schools; others working in Head Start or other public or private birth-to-school age 5 childcare settings may also be interested. An associate degree or equivalent (60 credit hours) is required.

Where? Courses are offered at two locations:

- University College at Bath/Brunswick, 9 Park Street in Bath
OR
- Kennebec Valley Community College, 92 Western Avenue in Fairfield

When? Courses start in January 2010

What courses will be offered?

- ECH 384 Science Education for Young Children (section 0002) - at **Bath/Brunswick University College Center - Friday evenings, Saturday all day (5 weekends)**
(See Prerequisite on Page two.)
- ECH 384 Science Education for Young Children (section 0003) - at **Kennebec Valley Community College - Tuesday evenings every other week, online between class meeting dates (See Prerequisite on page two.)**
- ECH 430 Theories of Learning and Curriculum Development (section 0002; this course is one of the 6 optional credits in "Advanced Child Development" which are listed for state certification) - at **Kennebec Valley Community College - Wednesday evenings**

ECH 384 Science Education for Young Children

Focuses on constructivist models of teaching and learning and science content knowledge for young children ages birth to eight years. Emphasis of the course will be on teaching and assessment techniques, strategies and activities that may be used to teach a diverse community of learners in the early childhood science classroom. This course will include opportunities for application. **Prerequisite: One laboratory science course or permission of the instructor.** Credits: 4. Instructor: Betty Beach.

ECH 384 is being offered at two locations:

Bath/Brunswick University College Center (Section 0002). *This course will meet on five weekends, Friday nights 5:00-8:15 pm and Saturday 8:30 am-3:00 pm at the Bath/Brunswick Center.*

Class Dates: *January 29&30, February 26&27, March 19&20, April 9&10, April 30&May 1;*

Kennebec Valley Community College (Section 0003). *This course will meet every other Tuesday evening January 26 to May 4 from 5:30-8:45 pm, and **online between class meeting weeks.***

Class Meeting Dates: *January 26, February 9&23, March 9&23, April 6&20, and May 4.*

ECH 430 Theories of Learning and Curriculum Development (Section 0002)

Applies developmental theory to the construction of curriculum in Early Childhood Education. Studies on child development and learning and the varying effects of different curricular approaches are read and utilized for planning and evaluating programs. Particular attention is given to matching models with needs of children from diverse family backgrounds. Credits: 4. Instructor: Dalila Lino.

Kennebec Valley Community College (Section 0002). *This course will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.*

Class Dates: *January 20 through May 5 – All classes live.*

Costs Per Course:	Tuition:	\$ 964
	Unified Fee:	\$ 78
	Total Cost:	\$1,042

Registration Information: Registration for Spring 2010 opens in November 2009. **Please register early, since classes fill fast.**

For questions, please contact Valerie Soucie at educationaloutreach@maine.edu or 778-7502.

For more information on applying to the Off Campus Early Childhood Cohort program, visit the website <http://www.farmington.edu/cohort/>.



