

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

Early Childhood Education is critical to child success in the classroom and impacts life-long achievement. Through partnerships with families, reflective practice and evidence-based knowledge, students will graduate prepared to work with today's children and families. The program curriculum emphasizes Developmentally Appropriate Practice and standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"I couldn't ask for a better life lesson than to be in the classroom learning and teaching beside a teacher with over ten years of experience.

The Early Childhood Education program has been a life changing experience. The support of the Education staff has made my dream of being a teacher an achievable goal."



Prepare young children for a successful future



What Early Childhood Education graduates do:

- Foster growth in all developmental domains for children birth to age 8
- Demonstrate ethical behavior set by the NAEYC
- Partner with families to ensure childhood success
- Observe and assess child skills and development
- Use observation to inform curriculum planning

Career Opportunities:

- Preschools and childcare centers
- Developmental therapy centers
- After-school programs
- Elementary schools
- Family and small businesses
- Head Start programs

For further questions about this program, please contact:

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COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES (CO-REQUISITES)
Associate in Applied Science Degree			
<i>First Semester</i>			
__ __	COM104 Introduction to Communication OR		
__ __	COM105 Interpersonal Communication	3	
__ __	ECE131* Introduction to Early Childhood	3	
__ __	ECE134* Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ENG101 College Composition	3	Min. Accuplacer writing score of 74
__ __	PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3	
<i>Second Semester</i>			
__ __	ECE133* Language, Literacy, and Literature for Young Children	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE140* Fostering Growth and Development: Infants and Toddlers	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE156* Field Experience I - The Use of Observation in the Field	4	ECE131, ECE134
__ __	MAT113 Elements of Mathematics (or higher math)	3	Min. Accuplacer arithmetic score of 55
__ __	SOC101 Introduction to Sociology	3	
<i>Third Semester</i>			
__ __	ECE145* Fostering Growth and Development: Preschool and Primary Ages	3	ECE131 or ECE135
__ __	ECE158* Including Children with Special Needs in Early Childhood Settings	3	ECE134, ECE140, and either ECE145 or ECE148, or permission of instructor
__ __	ECE200* Field Experience II - Partnerships in Early Childhood	4	ECE131, ECE134, ECE156
__ __	PSY215 Developmental Psychology	3	PSY101
__ __	_____ Humanities Elective	3	
<i>Fourth Semester</i>			
__ __	ECE210* Classroom Management	3	All 100 level ECE courses
__ __	ECE215* Weaving in STEAM Education	3	All 100 level ECE courses
__ __	ECE250* Field Experience III - A Focus on Families and Professional Development	6	ECE131, ECE134, ECE156, ECE200
__ __	_____ Lab Science Elective	4	
	Total Credits	63	

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

Students must complete 63 credits in the Early Childhood Education option and achieve a minimum grade of "C" in all core courses (*); students must attain a final GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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