

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

Prepare young children
for a successful future

Early Childhood Education is critical to child success in the classroom and other early care settings as it impacts lifelong 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. Courses are offered in a variety of formats (in-person, hybrid, asynchronous online) to meet diverse student needs.

"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."



What Early Childhood Education graduates do:

- Exhibit proficiency of the NAEYC Professional Standards and Key Competencies
- Demonstrate ethical behavior set by the NAEYC
- Partner with families to ensure childhood success
- Observe and assess child skills and development
- Exercise intentional interactions with children and families to connect and foster development in all developmental domains for children ages birth to 8.
- Use reflective practice to improve upon teaching strategies and promote lifelong learning

Career Opportunities:

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

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<i>First Semester</i>			<i>Third Semester</i>		
COM104	Introduction to Communication OR		ECE145*	Fostering Growth and Development:	3
COM105	Interpersonal Communication	3		Preschool and Primary Ages	
ECE131*	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3	ECE158*	Including Children with Special Needs	3
ECE132*	Early Lang & Lit Development	3		in Early Childhood Settings	
ECE136*	Intro to Field Placement	1	ECE200*	Field Experience II - Partnerships in	
ENG101	College Composition	3		Early Childhood	4
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY215	Developmental Psychology	3
<i>Second Semester</i>				Humanities Elective	3
ECE152*	Children’s Literature	3	<i>Fourth Semester</i>		
ECE140*	Fostering Growth and Development:	3	ECE210*	Classroom Management	3
	Infants and Toddlers		ECE215*	Weaving in STEAM Education	3
ECE156*	Field Experience I - The Use of	4	ECE250*	Field Experience III - A Focus on Families	
	Observation in the Field			and Professional Development	6
MAT111	Quantitative Methods	3		Lab Science Elective	4
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3		Total Credits	64

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

Students must complete 64 credits in the Early Childhood Education program and achieve a minimum grade of "C" in all core courses (*); students must attain a final GPA of 2.0 or higher.