

Early Childhood Education

Associate in Applied Science with Associate in Arts Option

Career Pathway: *Human Services*

Career Cluster: *Education and Training*

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NOTE: *This degree is for students who specifically want a two-year degree. If you wish to transfer to a four-year program please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options/electives.*

This degree program prepares students for work as preschool teachers, program directors for childcare agencies and family educators or paraprofessionals in early childhood programs such as Head Start.

Salary ranges vary depending upon the type of position obtained. State and federally funded programs usually provide excellent benefits. Employment opportunities are excellent both locally and nationally. This program incorporates up to 16 credit hours of directed work experience in early childhood education or through documentation via the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. It can be completed on a full or part-time basis and classes are available both days and evenings.

Prerequisites

- ◆ Students will need to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, mathematics and English based on SMC assessment tests, ACT or SAT scores, or by taking the recommended courses.
- ◆ Some of the courses in this curriculum have specific prerequisites that may not be listed as part of the degree requirements. These are described in the course descriptions.
- ◆ ACE Testing, which grants students credit for demonstration of skills mastery, is available at the Testing Center for a number of courses.

General Education Requirements

The general education courses listed for this degree required a C (2.0) or better for graduation. See "General Education Requirements" for more information and full listing of all general education courses.

Course Sequence

- ◆ A few of the courses in this curriculum must be taken in a prescribed sequence. The listing that follows is a suggested sequence of courses for the first two semesters.
- ◆ If you are a part-time student or have transferred courses from another school, you should complete the courses listed under Semester I before taking those listed under Semester II.
- ◆ The courses listed under the heading "Non-sequential courses" may be taken at any time during your program.
- ◆ Please be sure to consult the course descriptions as some courses may not be offered every semester.

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Course Credits

Semester I

EDUC 115	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENGL 103	Freshman English II OR	3
ENGL 103W	Freshman English II w Workshop	4
ISYS 110	Introduction to Computer Technology	3
MATH 128	Contemporary Mathematics	4
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3

Semester II

BIOL 110	Human Biology	4
EDUC 220	Guiding Children’s Social Development	4
EDUC 222	Early Childhood Curriculum-Physical and Creative	3
PHED 103	Life Wellness	2
SPEE 104	Introduction to Human Communication	3

****ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE Track****

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Semester III

EDUC 208	Infant/Toddler Care	3
EDUC 215	Human Development & Learning	3
EDUC 221	Early Childhood Curriculum – Cognitive and Communication	3
EDUC 260	Emergent Literacy	3
EDUC 230	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3

Semester IV

EDUC 210	Diversity in Early Childhood	3
EDUC 217	Early Childhood Development	3
EDUC 240	Early Childhood Education Internship	4
PSYC 205	Child Psychology	3

Total Program Credits *60-61

*NOTE: A minimum of 60 credits is required to graduate.

****ASSOCIATE IN ARTS Track****

NOTE: Students with this degree will be eligible to go on and complete their Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field at various four year institutions. Please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options/electives.

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Semester III

EDUC 215	Human Development & Learning	3
EDUC 221	Early Childhood Curriculum – Cognitive and Communication	3
EDUC 260	Emergent Literacy	3
EDUC 230	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
ENGL 251	Children’s Literature	3

Semester III

ART 110	Art Appreciation	3
EDUC 210	Diversity in Early Childhood	3
EDUC 240	Early Childhood Education Internship	4
GEOG 110	Physical Geography	4

Total Program Credits *61-62