

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



## **DO YOU ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH CHILDREN?**

Turn your interest into a career as an Early Childhood educator. Our associate degree in Early Childhood Education is designed to provide you with a solid academic foundation and hands-on experience in the field of Early Childhood education.

Early Childhood is the study of children from birth through eight years old. You will gain knowledge of how to work with children and their families in a variety of settings based on child development and age-appropriate practice. Early Childhood professionals have a comprehensive knowledge of child growth, development, and learning, and are able to apply this knowledge to their practice. They can communicate effectively with children, colleagues, and families. As an Early Childhood professional, you will have the ability to work collaboratively and in partnership with others in order to deliver the most optimal services to children and their families.

Following completion of the program, students will have the necessary skills and knowledge to become gainfully employed in the field of Early Childhood education and/or to continue their education towards a bachelor's degree in Child Study or related fields.

# CURRICULUM

General Education Requirements - 24-25 credits		
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 1XX	Writing Competency <small>(WR)</small>	3
COM 1XX	Communications Competency <small>(COM)</small>	3
CAP 1XX	Computer Literacy Competency <small>(CL)</small>	3
MATH 1XX	Math Competency <small>(MATH)</small>	3
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology <small>(SS)</small>	3
	Science Competency <small>(SCI)</small>	3-4
	Cultural Competency <small>(CU or E/P)</small>	3

Core Requirements - 3 credits		
IDA 120	The College Experience OR Open Elective	3

Major Core Requirements - 33 credits		
<b>Freshman Year</b>		
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 102	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 110	Creativity and the Young Child	3
ECE 120	Math and Science for Young Children	3
PSY 115	Child Development	3
<b>Sophomore Year</b>		
ECE 201	The Exceptional Child and Learner	3
ECE 210	Observation and Assessment in the Early Childhood Classroom	3
ECE 221	Social and Emotional Development in Young Children	3
ECE 231	Early Language and Literacy Development	3
ECE 251	Student Teaching I	3
ECE 252	Student Teaching II	3

**Total Credits: 60-61**

\* Students may choose ECE 220 Multicultural Aspects of Early Childhood for the Cultural Competency elective.

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## CAREERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

- ▶ Family Resource Worker
- ▶ Paraprofessional
- ▶ Private Sector Infant, Toddler, or Preschool Teacher
- ▶ School Readiness Assistant Teacher

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