

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

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

Major Core Requirements - 33 credits		
Freshman Year		
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 102	Health, Safety, and Nutrition for Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 110	Creativity and Young Children	3
ECE 120	Math and Science for Young Children	3
PSY 115	Child Development	3
Sophomore Year		
ECE 201	The Exceptional Learner	3
ECE 210	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education 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 Humanities 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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