



Early Childhood Studies

Associate in Applied Science Degree, Career program

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This program provides a core of early childhood courses, including a supervised field experience, with a sound liberal arts foundation. It is designed for students planning to work in early childhood fields. Child development theory and practice will be woven together to give the student the skills and knowledge to work effectively with children 0 - 8 years of age. An emphasis throughout the curriculum is on working with children and families from diverse backgrounds and abilities.

Graduates will be able to identify, analyze, evaluate and apply historical information on current issues about program settings, whole child development, and the necessary partnership between families and teachers; use observation and recording methods, interpret data, and link the findings for further application; recognize and support developmentally appropriate practice for the typical child, as well as diversity and culture, differing abilities, home language and anti-bias curriculum.

High school or equivalent preparation required: No special requirements.

Program Requirements

English (ENGL 1010-1020. By placement)*	6	Early Childhood (ECED 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1524, 2960)	24
Mathematics (MATH 1110-1120, or higher)*	6	Children's Literature (ENGL 2030)	3
Laboratory Science (BIOL 1010-1020 recommended)	6	Teaching in the Diverse Classroom (EDUC 2040)	3
Psychology (PSYC 1101, 2207)	6	Free electives	7
Social Sciences elective (HIST 1010, 1020, 1110, 1120, or SOCI 1010)	3	Total hours	66
Wellness	2		

*Based on placement, students may be required to take ENGL 0950 and/or ENGL0990 before taking ENGL 1010, and MATH 0960 before taking a math credit course.

Sample Sequence: intended as a guide for academic planning. It need not be followed exactly or completed in four semesters.

First Semester

English	3
Mathematics (MATH 1110 or higher)	3
General Psychology (PSYC 1101)	3
Introduction to Early Childhood Education (ECED 1110)	3
Social Sciences elective (SOCI 1010; HIST 1010, 1020, 1110, 1120)	3
Wellness (Awareness/Instructional Component)	1

Third Semester

Laboratory Science (BIOL 1010 recommended)	3
Methods & Materials in Early Childhood Ed. (ECED 1140)	3
Infant and Toddler: Development and Practice (ECED 1130)	3
Language Development and Children (ECED 1524)	3
Teaching in the Diverse Classroom (EDUC 2040)	3
Free elective	2

Second Semester

English	3
Mathematics (MATH 1120 or higher)	3
Child Psychology (PSYC 2207)	3
Observing and Recording Behavior of Children (ECED 1120)	3
Families, Schools, Communities: A Partnership (ECED 1150)	2
Free elective	3
Wellness (Activity Component)	0.5

Fourth Semester

Laboratory Science (BIOL 1020 recommended)	3
Children's Literature (ENGL 2030)	3
Field Experience-Early Childhood (ECED 2960)	6
Free elective	3
Wellness (Activity Component)	0.5