

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEGREE (A55220C)

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from birth through eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

Early Childhood Education: A program that prepares individuals to promote child development and learning, work with diverse families and children, observe, document and assess to support young children and families, use content knowledge to build meaningful curriculum, and use developmentally effective approaches in collaboration with other early childhood professionals. Potential course work includes instruction in all areas of child development such as emotional/ social/ health/ physical/ language/ communication, approaches to play and learning, working with diverse families, and related observations/ student teaching experiences.

Career-Ready Non-Transfer Track: *This track is for students seeking to earn an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S. 2-year degree) and continue into the workforce.*

COURSE & HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Course Number & Name	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
FALL SEMESTER			
ACA 111 College Student Success OR ACA 122 Transfer & Career Success	0/1	0/2	1
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers OR CIS 113 Computer Basics	0/2	2	1/3
EDU 119 Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	4
EDU 144 Child Development I	3	0	3
EDU 131 Child, Family, & Community	3	0	3
Total	10/13	2/4	12/14
SPRING SEMESTER			
*ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
EDU 145 Child Development II	3	0	3
EDU 146 Child Guidance	3	0	3
EDU 151 Creative Activities	3	0	3
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>			
EDU 163 Classroom Mgmt. & Instruction	3	0	3
EDU 188 Trends/Policies in Early Child	3	0	3
Total	15	0	15
SUMMER SEMESTER			
*COM 231 Public Speaking	3	0	3
**Math	2/3	2	3/4
*PSY 150 General Psychology	3	0	3
**Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
Total	11/12	2	12/13
FALL SEMESTER			
EDU 153 Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	0	3
EDU 221 Children With Exceptionalities	3	0	3
EDU 234 Infants, Toddlers, & Twos	3	0	3
EDU 235 School-Age Activities	3	0	3
EDU 280 Language & Literacy Experiences	3	0	3
Total	15	0	15
SPRING SEMESTER			
EDU 252 Math & Science Activities	3	0	3
EDU 271 Educational Technology	2	2	3
EDU 284 Early Child Capstone Practicum	1	9	4
***Major Elective	3	0	3

Course Number & Name	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credit Hours
Total	9	11	13
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS FOR DEGREE			67/70

*This course is a component of the general education requirements needed for graduation.

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**MATH ELECTIVE <i>Select one course from the following:</i>			
MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy	2	2	3
MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra	3	2	4
**HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS <i>Select one course from the following:</i>			
ART 111 Art Appreciation	3	0	3
MUS 110 Music Appreciation	3	0	3
MUS 112 Introduction to Jazz	3	0	3
PHI 215 Philosophical Issues	3	0	3
PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics	3	0	3
***MAJOR ELECTIVE <i>Select one course from the following:</i>			
EDU 222 Learners with Behavior Disorders	3	0	3
EDU 223 Specific Learning Disabilities	3	0	3
EDU 261 Early Childhood Admin I	3	0	3
EDU 262 Early Childhood Admin II	3	0	3