

Early Care and Education (Fall Start)

Degree Type

Associate in Applied Science

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN APPLIED SCIENCE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION 63 SEMESTER HOURS

The Early Care and Education program is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education. The Associate Degree is organized with standards from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Students pursuing the Associate Degree in Applied Science in Early Care and Education are encouraged to transfer to a four-year institution to obtain a Baccalaureate Degree if they plan to teach in a K-12 environment. Early Care and Education students may also pursue careers as a paraprofessional in management, operations or instruction in a commercial daycare setting.

This program offers students a basic understanding of the needs of young children and the training to implement quality preschool programming. Students also learn growth and development principles, teaching methods, safety and first aid, discipline techniques, developmentally-appropriate curriculum methods, exceptionality and early intervention techniques for promoting effective family/program partnerships, and principles of ethics and leadership in early care and education.

This Associate Degree does not lead to teacher certification unless the student completes the Baccalaureate Degree.

Special Admissions Requirements

- Meet the specific program requirements outlined for admissions.
- Complete a physical exam, including T.B. screening and hepatitis vaccines, when applicable.
- Satisfactory background record check, when applicable.

Fall I

Course Number	Title	Credits
COL-101	College Orientation	1
CPT-101	Introduction to Computers	3
ECD-101	Intro to Early Childhood	3
ECD-131	Language Arts	3
ENG-101	English Composition	3

[CPT-170](#) may be taken in place of [CPT-101](#).

Spring I

Course Number	Title	Credits
ECD-102	Growth & Development I	3
ECD-203	Growth & Development II	3
MAT-101	Beginning Algebra	3
MUS-105	Music Appreciation	3

[MAT-110](#) or [MAT-120](#) may be taken in place of [MAT-101](#).

[ART-101](#) may be taken in place of [MUS-105](#).

Summer I

Course Number	Title	Credits
ECD-105	Guidance-Classroom Management	3
ECD-108	Family & Commun Relation	3
ECD-133	Science & Math Concepts	3
ECD-135	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3

Fall II

Course Number	Title	Credits
BIO-101	Biological Science I	4
ECD-132	Creative Experiences	3
ECD-237	Methods and Materials	3
PSY-201	General Psychology	3

[BIO-210](#), [BIO-117](#), [CHM-105](#), or [CHM-110](#) may be taken in place of [BIO-101](#).

Spring II

Course Number	Title	Credits
ECD-201	Principles of Ethics/Leadership in ECE	3
ECD-107	Exceptional Children	3
ECD-243	Supervised Field Experience I	3
IDS-112	Employability Skills for Career	1
SPC-205	Public Speaking	3

[CPT-101](#), [CPT-170](#), [ENG-101](#), [MAT-110](#), [MAT-120](#), [MUS-105](#), [ART-101](#), [PSY-201](#), [BIO-101](#), [BIO-210](#), [CHM-110](#), [SPC-205](#) are Statewide University Transfer courses - Admissions standards are more stringent. Check with your academic advisor.

Total Credits	63
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