PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (A55220E)

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 childcare programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

This is a 2-year degree only and **does not** transfer to a 4-year university. Students who choose this degree pathway may teach in childcare centers, serve as an assistant teacher in the public schools or work in after-school care programs.

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

		Course Hours Per Week		Semester Hours
First Semester (Fall)		Class	Lab	Credit
ACA-115	Success & Study Skills	0	2	1
EDU-119	Intro to Early Child Educ	4	0	4
EDU-144	Child Development I	3	0	3
EDU-151	Creative Activities	3	0	3
EDU-157	Active Play	2	2	3
	Credit Hours	**12**	**4**	**14**
Second Semester (Spring)				
EDU-145	Child Development II	3	0	3
EDU-146	Child Guidance	3	0	3
EDU-153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3	0	3
EDU-234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3	0	3
EDU-251	Exploration Activities	3	0	3
	Credit Hours	**15**	**0**	**15**
Third Semester (Summer)				
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
EDU***	EDU Elective	1-3	0-3	2-3
***	Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective	3	0	3
	Credit Hours	**7-9**	**0-3**	**8-9**
Fourth Semester (Fall)				

		Course Hours Per Week		Semester Hours
EDU-131	Child, Family, and Community	3	0	3
EDU-235	School-Age Develop & Programs	3	0	3
EDU-259	Curriculum Planning	3	0	3
EDU-280	Language/Literacy Experiences	3	0	3
***	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	3
	Credit Hours	**15**	**0**	**15**
Fifth Semester (Spring)				
EDU-221	Children With Exceptionalities	3	0	3
EDU-284	Early Child Capstone Prac	1	9	4
***	Communication Elective	3	0	3
***	Natural Science/Math Elective	0-4	0-3	3-5
	Credit Hours	**7-11**	**9-12**	**13-15**
Total Required Minimum Semester Hours Credit				65

EDU Elective:		Class	Lab	Credit
ASL-111	Elementary ASL I	3	0	3
EDU-114	Intro to Family Childcare	3	0	3
EDU-184	Early Child Intro Pract	1	3	2
EDU-271	Educational Technology	2	2	3
EDU-275	Effective Teach Train	2	0	2

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