



# PROGRAMS OF **study**

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

### **ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE**



#### **Program Description**

The Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science program is designed to prepare students as skilled and creative early childhood educators. The program curriculum combines theory and practical application in such areas as child growth and development, child guidance and curriculum development, professional growth, and facility directorship with emphasis on such issues as meeting the individual needs of the child, cultural diversity, and inclusion. The Associate in Applied Science Degree program includes a student teaching practicum courses.

#### **Program Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education, graduates will be able to:

- Explain the role of curriculum development, methodology, and assessment in an early learning environment.
- Apply theories of child growth and development to the design of age-appropriate lessons and activities.
- Design developmentally appropriate instructional activities to engage young learners in problem solving, critical thinking and natural inquiry.
- Use clear communication skills with children, parents, professional peers and other key figures in the community.
- Evaluate the needs of diverse learners in the early learning environment.
- Determine the ethical behaviors required of early childhood professionals in childcare settings, schools, and local communities.
- Evaluate instructional technologies and multimedia resources for use in developmentally appropriate educational activities.
- Use reliable information resources to find current research on childhood development and related practice.
- Use mathematical concepts to interpret and solve problems related to administration and teaching in early childhood education settings.



#### **Career Opportunities**

This program will prepare graduates for positions teaching and caring for young children or as director at a preschool or childcare center.

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*The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall semester.  
Students entering in the spring or summer will likely take longer than two years to complete the program.*

Curriculum Requirements: 60 credits	Credits	Grade	Semester
<b>First Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)</b>			
ECE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3		
ECE 108 Health, Safety and Nutrition	3		
ECE 111 Child Growth and Development	3		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
General Education, Core IV Math	3		
<b>First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)</b>			
ECE 202 Language and Literacy	3		
EDU 105 Introduction to Exceptionality	3		
EDU 160 Technology in Education	3		
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communication	3		
<b>Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)</b>			
ECE 190 Guidance of Young Children	3		
ECE 207 Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3		
PHI 102 Contemporary Ethics and Society	3		
General Education, Core IV	3		
Program Elective	3		
<b>Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)</b>			
ECE 219 Curriculum – Preschool through Primary Age	3		
ECE 255 Practicum	3		
General Education, Core I-IV	3		
Program Elective	3		
Open Elective	3		
<b>Program Elective List (choose 6 credits)</b>			
Any ECE or EDU course			
FYE 101 First Year Seminar	3		
BUS 115 Management I	3		
PSY 214 Child Development	3		
SOC 201 Sociology of the Family	3		

**Essential Skills & Abilities** All Early Childhood Education students must meet the essential skills and abilities required of the program and profession. Every student will be held to the same standards with or without reasonable accommodations. The list of essential skills and abilities is available through the education department chair.

**Observation and Practicum Requirements:** Students must meet the requirements of the observation and practicum sites which will include the DHHS non-child abuse verification and a criminal background check. Failure to meet these requirements will result in non-completion of the program.

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