

Early Childhood Education

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science (AA) in Early Childhood Education will be prepared to meet the unique needs of children from birth through age eight in childcare centers, Head Starts, and preschools. Students successfully completing the Early Childhood Education A.A. degree will have acquired the requisite skill for obtaining employment or advancement in the field of early childhood care and education.

General Education Requirements		Cr
Core I	Communications (COMX111, WRIT101, WRIT201)	6
Core II	Mathematics and Science (M 121, BIOB 160)	7
Core III	Arts (ARTS 211,221 or MUSI103)	3
	and Humanities (LIT 110 or LSH 201)	3
Core IV	Social Sciences (PSYX 100, SOCI 101)	7
Core V	Native American Studies (NASX 117)	3
Core VI	Computer Technology (CAPP 131)	3
Core VII	Health (NUTR 221)	3
Total General Education credits required for degree		35
Program of Study Courses		Cr
EDEC 130	Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition	4
EDEC 210	Meeting the Needs of Families	4
EDEC 230	Positive Child Guidance	4
PSYX 230	Developmental Psychology	3
EDEC 265	Leadership and Professionalism in EC Education	4
EDEC 281	EC Curriculum and Design I	4
EDEC 283	EC Curriculum and Design II	4
Total Program of Study credits required for degree.		25
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First Semester (FA)	Cr.
CAPP 131	3
Core III elective	3
EDEC 130	4
NASX 117	3
WRIT 101	3
Second Semester (SP)	Cr.
COMX 111	3
EDEC 281	4
M 121	3
PSYCH 100	3
SOCI 101	3
Third Semester (FA)	Cr.
BIOB 160	4
EDEC 210	4
EDEC 230	4
PSYC 230	3
Fourth Semester (SP)	Cr.
EDEC 265	4
Core III elective	3
EDEC 283	4
NUTR 221	3
Total Program Credits	60

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Know and understand young children's characteristics and needs
- Know and understand the multiple influences of development and learning
- Use development knowledge to create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments
- Involve families and communalities in their children development and learning
- Understand the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment
- Understand and practice responsible assessment
- Know about assessment partnerships with families and other professionals