EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

An Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education will prepare students to directly enter the workforce as a nanny, paraprofessional, or child care provider in a child care center or home. The Associate of Applied Science degree will prepare graduates for employment opportunities that allow for advancement to leadership positions in child care centers or start their own child care business. Students are encouraged to complete HLTH 5131 Pediatric Basic Life Support & First Aid which is required for childcare providers.

In addition to lecture classes, students gain experience by working in child care centers and schools. Child care providers require a criminal background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit a background check in ECED 1220 prior to enrolling in early childhood education practicum courses. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment. Please check with advisor.

Required Program of Study for
Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years)

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

Course	Credits
ECED 1050 Expressive Arts	3
ECED 1150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECED 1110 Infant/Toddler Development	3
ECED 2070 Family and Community Relationships	3
BSAD 2050 Business Communications*	3
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Spring Semester

Course	Credits
ECED 1060 Observation, Assessment, and Guidance	3
ECED 1120 Preschool Child Development	2
ECED 1220 Pre-Practicum	1
ECED 1230 School Age Child Development and Programming	2
ECED 1260 Early Childhood Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3
MATH 1010 Math for Elementary Teachers*	3
Program Elective(s)**	3
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SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Course	Credits
ECED 1160 Early Language and Literacy	3
ECED 1610 Infant Practicum	1
ECED 1620 Toddler Practicum	1
ECED 2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	3
BSAD 1000 Human Relations and Ethics* **OR** PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology*	3
BSAD 1040 Personal Finance*	3
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Spring Semester

Course	Credits
ECED 1630 Preschool Practicum	1
ECED 1640 School Age Practicum	1
ECED 2050 Children with Exceptionalities	3
ECED 2450 Early Childhood Administration	3
EDUC 2250 Children's Literature	3
OFFT 1500 Microsoft Office*	3
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Total Credit Hours	60

*See general education requirements.

NOTE: All Practicum courses require a minimum grade of "C".

**Program Elective(s): EDUC 1110 Introduction to Professional Education, EDUC 2000 Educational Psychology, EDUC 1100 Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society, SIGN 1000 Conversational Sign Language, SPAN 1200 Elementary Spanish I, SPAN 1210 Elementary Spanish II, SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity.

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