

# EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATE

(A55220)

## *Associate in Applied Science Degree*

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 child care programs; preschools; public and private schools; recreational centers; Head Start Programs; and school-age programs.

### COURSE AND HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp/		Credits
			Clinical		
<b>I. GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES</b>					
<b>Communications:</b> (Choose one pair)					
ENG 110	Freshman Composition	3	0	0	3
ENG 116	Technical Report Writing	3	0	0	3
<b>or</b>					
ENG 111	Expository Writing	3	0	0	3
ENG 112	Argument-based Research	3	0	0	3
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3	0	0	3
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts:</b> (Select one)					
ART 111	Art Appreciation	3	0	0	3
ART 240	Painting I	3	0	0	3
DRA 111	Theater Appreciation	3	0	0	3
HUM 122	Southern Culture	3	0	0	3
PHI 210	History of Philosophy	3	0	0	3
REL 110	World Religions	3	0	0	3
<b>Natural Sciences/Mathematics:</b> (Select one)					
BIO 140	Environmental Biology	3	0	0	3
GEL 111	Introductory Geology	3	0	0	3
MAT 140	Survey of Mathematics	3	0	0	3
MAT 151	Statistics	3	0	0	3
MAT 161	College Algebra	3	0	0	3
PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3	0	0	3
PHY 110A	Conceptual Physics Lab	0	3	0	1
<b>Social/Behavioral Science:</b> (Select one)					
ANT 210	General Anthropology	3	0	0	3
HIS 121	Western Civilization I	3	0	0	3
HIS 122	Western Civilization II	3	0	0	3
HIS 131	American History I	3	0	0	3
HIS 132	American History II	3	0	0	3

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HIS 221	African-American History	3	0	0	3
POL 120	American Government	3	0	0	3
PSY 118	Interpersonal Psychology	3	0	0	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
SOC 220	Social Problems	3	0	0	3

## A. CORE

### COURSE AND HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Title	Class	Lab	Work Exp/ Clinical	Credits	
<b>Required Courses:</b>					
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, & Community	3	0	0	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU 221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
EDU 271	Educational Technology	2	2	0	3
EDU 280	Language & Literacy Experience	3	0	0	3
EDU 284	Early Child Capstone Prac	1	9	0	4

### Required Subject Areas:

#### Child Development:

EDU 144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3

#### Other Required Hours:

EDU 259	Curriculum Planning	3	0	0	3
EDU 287	Leadership/ECE	3	0	0	3

### OTHER REQUIRED HOURS: (Select 9 hours)

#### I. General Early Childhood Track:

EDU 152	Music, Movement & Language	3	0	0	3
EDU 162	Observation & Assessment in ECE	3	0	0	3
EDU 173	Becoming a Professional in ECE	3	0	0	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3	0	0	3
EDU 251	Exploration Activities	3	0	0	3

or

#### II. College Transferable Track: (9 Hours from Above General Education hours)

*Choose from Above Gen Ed Courses or*

BIO 140A	Environmental Biology Lab	0	3	0	1
HEA 110	Personal Health/Wellness	3	0	0	3
EDU 216	Foundation of Education	4	0	0	4

or

#### III. Administration Track:

BUS 217	Employment Law & Regulations	3	0	0	3
EDU 261	Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU 262	Administration II	3	0	0	3

or

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**IV. Special Education Track:**

EDU 125	Sign Language for Educators	3	0	0	3
EDU 154	Social/Emotional/Behavior Development	3	0	0	3
EDU 220	Program Policies in Early Intervention	3	0	0	3
EDU 223	Specific Learning Disabilities	3	0	0	3
EDU 247	Sensory & Physical Disabilities	3	0	0	3
EDU 248	Developmental Delays	3	0	0	3

**or****V. Family Home Childcare Track:**

EDU 114	Intro to Family Childcare	3	0	0	3
EDU 261	Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU 262	Administration II	3	0	0	3

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR A.A.S. DEGREE: 65**