

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

NMC Code 321

This program prepares students for the challenges of the ever-changing world of early care and education. Specialized courses and liberal arts studies provide students with a foundation needed to pursue careers in early childhood education, childcare, and preschool education. The order in which courses are taken is not critical except where prerequisites are involved. Course substitutions may be made only with the approval of the program coordinator or the academic area chair.

Students planning to pursue a four-year degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education should familiarize themselves with the requirements of the school of choice for their bachelor's degree.

Requirements

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
ENG 111	English Composition	4
ENG 112	English Composition	4
ENG 210	Children's Literature	3
Math Competency ¹		
Any Group 1 Science course with a lab		
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Occupational Specialty Requirements		
ECE 101	Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 202	Human Development and Learning	5
ECE 203	Curriculum for Child Guidance	4
ECE 204	Early Childhood Curriculum	4
ECE 206	Infant Toddler Care Curriculum	4
ECE 220	Early Education Administration	3
ECE 230	Early Literacy and Learning	3
ECE 240	Integrated Arts in Curriculum	3
EDU 212	Educating Exceptional Children	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 211	Marriage and the Family	3
General Electives		
Total Credits		60

¹ Placement into MTH 111 Intermediate Algebra *or* higher, *or* completion of MTH 23 Beginning Algebra with a 2.0 or better.

Course Sequence Guide

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
ECE 101	Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 202	Human Development and Learning	5

ENG 111	English Composition	4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Credits		15
Spring		
ECE 203	Curriculum for Child Guidance ¹	4
ECE 206	Infant Toddler Care Curriculum ¹	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENG 112	English Composition	4
Credits		15
Year 2		
Fall		
ECE 204	Early Childhood Curriculum ¹	4
ECE 220	Early Education Administration	3
ENG 210	Children's Literature ²	3
Group 1 Science w/ lab		
Credits		14
Spring		
ECE 230	Early Literacy and Learning	3
EDU 212	Educating Exceptional Children	3
ECE 240	Integrated Arts in Curriculum	3
SOC 211	Marriage and the Family	3
General Elective ³		
MTH 23 or placement in MTH 111 or higher		
Credits		16
Total Credits		60

¹ Includes practicum hours with early childhood lab experience (required by most schools that have an early childhood program). Students can complete hours at their place of employment if it meets the placement requirements. Placements are arranged through the Early Childhood Education Coordinator.

² Meets Cultural Diversity requirement.

³ COM 111 Public Speaking is suggested course for transfer to Ferris BS ECE. Students may also take ECE 290 A, B, or C at any time for more practicum hours, and earn 1-3 credits.