

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

Early Childhood Education, AAS Degree

Plan 636

Purpose

The Early Childhood Education AAS is designed to prepare its graduates to work in educational and childcare settings providing care and education for children from birth to age twelve. The program includes a 15-week supervised internship in an early childhood educational facility.

Program Requirements and Special Conditions

Students must meet ESCC admission requirements. Students must also complete placement tests (or equivalent) in English and mathematics, and scores will be used for appropriate course placement. If students have deficiencies in English and/or mathematics, ESCC offers developmental and prerequisite courses to prepare students for the curriculum. New students should see a counselor and returning students their advisor for more information.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Describe the interworking of early childhood education programs and settings.
- Apply developmentally appropriate methods and materials to use with young children in an early childhood education setting.
- Analyze the physical, social, and emotional needs of young children in the early childhood development stages and the effects of not meeting those needs.

Program Curriculum and Suggested Sequence of Courses

1st Semester	Credits	Course Details
SDV 100 College Success Skills	1	
ENG 111 College Composition 1	3	
MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	3	
CHD 120 Introduction to Early Childhood	3	
CHD 145 Teaching Art, Music, and Movement	3	
CHD 118 Language Arts for Children	3	
Total Credits	16	
2nd Semester	Credits	Course Details
ENG 112 College Composition II	3	
CHD 165 Observation and Participation in Early Childhood / Primary Settings	3	Requires 40 hours of observation at a K12 school. See Note 1.
CHD 205 Guiding the Behavior of Children	3	
CHD 210 Intro to Exceptional Children	3	
EDU 235 Health, Safety, and Nutrition Education	3	
Total Credits	15	
3rd Semester	Credits	Course Details
BIO 101 General Biology with Lab	4	
CHD 166 Infant and Toddler Programs	3	
EDU 200 Intro to Teaching	3	Requires 40 hours of observation at a K12 school See Note 1.
Literature Elective	3	See Note 2.
History Elective	3	See Note 3.

Total Credits	16	
4th Semester	Credits	Course Details
CHD 265 Advanced Observation & Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3	Requires 40 hours of observation at a K12 school. See Note 1.
CHD 270 Administration of Early Childhood Educational Programs	3	
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	3	
CHD 146 Methods/Materials for Teaching Math, Science, and Social Studies to Children	3	
CHD 216 Early Childhood Programs, School, and Social Change	3	
Total Credits	15	
Total Credits For Program	62	

Notes and Additional Curriculum Options

1. Students may be required to provide proof of certain vaccinations and clear criminal background checks prior to entering child care facilities or schools for their supervised internships.
2. Student must take one of the following: ENG 241, ENG 242 or ENG 250.
3. Students may take any History (HIS) course listed as a Social Science Elective on page 75 of the 2019-2020 Catalog.