

## Early Childhood Education • Associate of Applied Science

This program prepares students to become a productive, caring and responsible teacher. Classes emphasize child development skills in the areas of language, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Classes also focus on cultural diversity among children. Students will become familiar with theories concerning child development and ECE, and will participate in many group discussions and hands-on activities that they can apply in the preschool classroom.

### Career Information

The ECE program prepares you for a career in teaching children (birth to age 5). The program includes courses required for the Early Childhood Teacher or Director Certificates.

**Course Map. Where students have options, recommended courses appear (in brackets).**

<b>Fall 1/ First Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
ENG 121 or ENG 131 ECE 101* ECE 102* ECE 103* ECE 226	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Complete one ENG course with C or higher Complete all ECE courses with C or higher Maintain at least 2.0 GPA
<b>Spring 1/ Second Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
MAT 107 or Higher ECE 111* ECE 125 ECE 225 ECE 205*	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Complete all ENG and MAT requirements with C or higher Complete all ECE courses with C or higher Complete scholarship applications early! Start visiting Transfer schools
<b>Fall 2/ Third Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
COM 115 or COM 125 ECE 220* ECE 238* ECE 288 ECE 241*	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Submit Graduation Planning Sheet! Complete all ECE courses with C or higher Apply for admission at Transfer school(s) Maintain at least 2.0 GPA
<b>Spring 2/ Final Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
ECE 240* ECE 260* ECE 256 Humanities (LIT 255, ART 110, MUS 120, or LIT 115) Social and Behavioral Science (PSY 101, HIS 121, GEO 105)	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Maintain at least 2.0 GPA Complete scholarship applications early! Reach out to department chair/faculty advisor at Transfer school

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**Valid for school year  
2018/2019**

Sample Schedules (recommended requirements and electives used as an example)

Full time 2 years

<b>Fall 1</b>	<b>Credits 15</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Credits 15</b>
ENG 121	3	MAT 107	3
ECE 101*	3	ECE 111*	3
ECE 102*	3	ECE 125	3
ECE 103*	3	ECE 225	3
ECE 226	3	ECE 205*	3
<b>Fall 2</b>	<b>Credits 15</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Credits 15</b>
COM 115	3	ECE 240*	3
ECE 220*	3	ECE 260*	3
ECE 238*	3	ECE 256	3
ECE 288	3	LIT 255	3
ECE 241*	3	PSY 101	3

Part time 3 years (requires summer semesters and three semesters with 3 courses)

<b>Fall 1</b>	<b>Credits 9</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>
ECE 101*	3	ECE 111*	3	ENG 121	3
ECE 102*	3	ECE 125	3	MAT 107	3
ECE 103*	3				
<b>Fall 2</b>	<b>Credits 9</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Credits 3</b>
ECE 226	3	ECE 225	3	COM 115	3
ECE 220*	3	ECE 205*	3		
ECE 238*	3				
<b>Fall 3</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>	<b>Spring 3</b>	<b>Credits 9</b>	<b>Summer 3</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>
ECE 288	3	ECE 240*	3	LIT 255	3
ECE 241*	3	ECE 260*	3	PSY 101	3
		ECE 256	3		

**Degree Transfer**

Note: Students completing the AAS degree who are interested in transferring to a baccalaureate program in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education should refer to the Transfer Degree section of the Academic Catalog.

\*These courses are part of the Early Childhood Teacher and Director Certificates

**Certificate Options**

Early Childhood Director Certificate	ECE 101, 102, 103, 111, 205, 220, 238, 240, 241, 260	30 total credits
Early Childhood Teacher Certificate	ECE 101, 102, 103, 111, 220, 238	18 total credits
Early Childhood Entry Level Certificate	ECE 101 or 103, one other ECE course	6 total credits