



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science Degree
(94 Quarter Credits)

2022-2023

Program Prerequisites:

- Placement into MTH 65 Beginning Algebra II (4 credits) or MTH 98 Quantitative Math (4 credits)
- Placement into WR 115 Introduction to Expository Writing (4 credits)

Coursework:

Course Number	Course Title	Prereqs	Credits
Fall Term Yr 1			15
ECE 101	Exploring the ECE Field	None	1
ECE 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 126	Early Childhood Development: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
CG 101	College Survival & Success	None	1
HE 262	Children's Health, Nutrition, & Safety	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
WR 115 or higher	Introduction to Expository Writing	place into WR 115	4
Winter Term Yr 1			15
ECE 121	Guidance & Classroom Management: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 122	Environments & Curriculum: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	4
ECE 130A	Practicum Orientation	place into IRW 115 or WR 115; ECE 101, ECE 120, Pre/Co: HE 113	2
ECE 234	Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	Pre/co: IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
HE 113	First Aid and CPR/AED Professional Rescuers/Healthcare Providers ¹	Rec: IRW 115 or equivalent place	1
	ECE Electives	varied	2
Spring Term Yr 1			15
ECE 124	Anti-Bias Practices	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 200	Professionalism & Advocacy	place into IRW 115 or WR 115; ECE 120.	3
ECE 235	Art, Music & Movement: Birth to Age 8	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
ECE 236	Language & Literacy in Early Childhood Education	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
HEC 201	Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
Summer Term Yr 1			10
ECE 130B	Practicum Seminar 1	ECE 130A. Coreq: ECE 134	1

ECE 134	Practicum 1	Pre: CG 101, ECE 101, ECE 120, ECE 126, HE 113, ECE 121, ECE 122, ECE 130A, HEC 201, ECE 124, ECE 200, Pre/co: ECE 221; Co: ECE 130B.	2
ECE 221	Observation, Documentation & Assessment	place into IRW 115 or WR 115. Rec: pre/co: ECE 130B, ECE 134.	3
WR 121 or higher	College Composition	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	4
Fall Term Yr 2			15
ECE 222	Resilience & Wellness for Educators	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
HEC 226	Child Development ²	place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121	4
MTH 65 or MTH 98 or higher	Beginning Algebra II or Quantitative Math	Place into MTH 65. Place into IRW 115 or WR 115; place into MTH 98	4
	General Education Elective: Arts & Letters	place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121	4
Winter Term Yr 2			12
ECE 223	Supporting Dual Language Learners: Birth to Age 8	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
HEC 202	Contemporary Families in the US ²	Pre/co: WR 121	3
	ECE Electives	varied	2
	General Education Elective: Science/Math/Computer Science	place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121	4
Spring Term Yr 2			12
ECE 130C	Practicum Seminar 2	ECE 130B. Coreq: ECE 135	1
ECE 135	Practicum 2	Pre: ECE 130B, ECE 134, HE 262, ECE 234, ECE 235, ECE 236; Pre/Con: HEC 202; Co: ECE 130C	2
ECE 232	S.T.E.A.M: Birth to Age 8	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
ECE 237	Trauma-Informed Care and Education: Birth to Age 8	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	3
ED 219	Civil Rights & Multicultural Issues in Educational Settings	place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121	3
Total Quarter Credits			94
¹ Students with a valid CPR card may submit a form to request non-traditional credit.			
² May be used as General Education.			

ECE Electives			
Course Number	Course Title	Prereqs	Credits
BA 188	Customer Service Skills	IRW 115 or WR 115 or place	2
CAS 109	Digital Presentations	CAS 121 or equiv typing skills	1
CG 209	Job Finding Skills	none	1
ECE 177	Multi-age Groups	none	
ECE 179	Child Portfolios in ECE	none	1

ECE 185	Field Trips in Early Childhood	none	1
ECE 187	Cooking Experiences for Young Children	none	1
ECE 188	Block Play and Woodworking for Young Children	none	1
ECE 238	Administration of ECE Programs	ECE 126 or HEC 226. Pre/Co: IRW 115 or WR 115 or place. Rec: experience working with children in groups	3
ED 101	Teachers Make a Difference: Exploring the K-5 Classroom	none	1
WR 122	Argumentative Writing	WR 121	4
Up to 3 credits of foreign language			
Up to 3 credits of Physical Education (PE)			
Up to 3 credits (30 hours) of Set 3 Community-based Training (1 credit per 10 hours)			

Career Description

The Early Childhood Education AAS degree is equivalent to a Step 9 in the Oregon Registry and qualifies students for a variety of positions within the field of early childhood education including Family Advocate, Parent Educator, Head Teacher, Quality Improvement Specialist, Child Care Center Director, and many others.

Course of Study

The AAS degree provides graduates with the ability to know and apply the depth and breadth of all six professional standards and competency areas recognized nationally across the birth through age 8 continuum and settings, with a dedicated focus on young children in birth through age 5 settings.

The degree runs seven consecutive terms, fall of year one through spring of year two. It is designed for full-time students but can also be completed part-time. All required courses and competencies mastered for the ECE Fundamentals and ECE Curriculum certificates apply to the AAS degree.

Students must also meet Associate degree comprehensive requirements and Associate of Applied Science degree requirements.

General Education Requirements: 12 credits

Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of General Education taken from the list of approved courses. They must include at least one course with a minimum of 3 credits from each of the following categories. HEC 226 counts as 4 credits, so ECEFS students need 12 more Gen. Ed. credits.

- **Arts and Letters:** Art*, Communication, English Literature, Language, Music*, Philosophy, Theater*, Writing*, Women's Studies
- **Social Sciences:** Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies
- **Science and Math:** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, General Science, Geology, Math*

*See list of General Education Electives in 2020-21 Catalog, as not all courses within discipline will meet requirement.

ECEFS Exit Requirements:

Students must receive a "C" or better in every required early education class in order to receive a certificate or degree. Students must meet practicum competencies for the certificate and the degree. Students may retake classes in order to meet the grade requirement with the exception of ECE Practicum Orientation (ECE 130A); ECE Practicum 1 (ECE 130B, ECE 134); ECE Practicum 2 (ECE 130 C, ECE 135); ECE Advanced Practicum 1 (ECE 260A, ECE 264)*; seminar and

lab classes. These classes may be re-enrolled in only once after a student receives a grade of less than C. Department approval is required for any student desiring to attempt any ECE course for the third time.

This form is intended for advising purposes only. See your declared catalog for a complete list of degree requirements.

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