



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science Degree
(94 Quarter Credits)

2023-2024

Program Prerequisites:

- Placement into MTH 65 Beginning Algebra (4 credits) or MTH 98 Quantitative Math (4 credits)
- Placement into IRW 115 Critical Reading and Writing (5 credits) or WR 115 Introduction to Expository Writing (4 credits)

Coursework:

| Course Number | Course Title | Prerequisites | Credits |
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| Fall Term Year 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 | Career Guidance and College Success: Personal Responsibility | 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 Year 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 Year 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 and 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 Year 1 | | | 10 |
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| 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 WR 121Z or higher | Composition I | IRW 115 or WR 115 or place | 4 |
| Fall Term Year 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 or WR 121Z | 4 |
| MTH 65 or MTH 98 or higher | Beginning Algebra 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 or WR 121Z | 4 |
| Winter Term Year 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 or WR 121Z | 3 |
| | ECE Electives | varied | 2 |
| | General Education Elective: Science/Math | place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121 or WR 121Z | 4 |
| Spring Term Year 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 ² | place into MTH 65 or MTH 98. Pre/co: WR 121 or WR 121Z | 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 | | | |
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| BA 188 | Customer Service Skills | IRW 115 or WR 115 or place | 2 |
| CAS 109 | Digital Presentations | CAS 121 or equiv typing skills | 1 |

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| 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 or WR 122Z | Composition II | WR 121 or WR 121Z | 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) | | | |

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 general education 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 2023-2024 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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