

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education is an online degree structured to provide a seamless acquisition of academic requirements for various career levels in occupations related to child care and early childhood education in the public and private sectors. The early childhood education courses provide the academic requirements for meeting assessment guidelines for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The general education courses can be applied toward the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in Child Development.

Early Childhood Education Associate Degree

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of child development and learning
- Know about, understand, and value the role of a child's family, culture, and community in children's lives
- Work cooperatively with parents, using an understanding of the family as a context for young children's development
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions of a reflective early childhood practitioner
- Demonstrate knowledge of health, safety, nutrition, and administrative guidelines
- Develop a thorough understanding of child development and the value of play in children's learning
- Design developmentally-appropriate curriculum and classroom practices
- Adhere to ethical practices in the field of early childhood education

Program of Study

General Education coursework or enrollment in courses as needed: 35 hours

Required Coursework: 25 hours

- TECH 1001
- ECE 2113
- ECE 2313
- ECE 2513
- ECE 2613
- ECE 2991
- NUR 2303

Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Freshman

Fall	Credits
ENGL 1013 ¹	3
MATH XXXX ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX ¹	4
SS 1XXX ¹	3
ECE 2113	3
TECH 1001	1
Total Hours	17

Spring	Credits
ENGL 1023 ¹	3
CM 1XXX ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX ¹	4

Spring	Credits
SS 1XXX ¹	3
ECE 2313	3
Total Hours	16

Sophomore

Fall	Credits
FAH 1XXX ¹	6
ECE 2513	3
ECE 2613	3
Total Hours	12

Spring	Credits
USHG 1XXX ¹	3
ECE 2991 ²	9
NUR 2303	3
Total Hours	15

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "[General Education Requirements](#)".