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 Orientation to the University
- ECE 2113 Basic Child Growth and Development
- ECE 2313 Foundations and Theories in Early Childhood Education
- ECE 2513 Curriculum for Early Childhood Education
- ECE 2613 Methods and Materials Using Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Activities for Young Children
- ECE 2991 Practicum in Early Childhood Education
- NUR 2303 Nutrition

Curriculum

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

Freshman

Fall	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I [1]	3
MATH 1XXX [1]	3
SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory [1]	4
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses [1]	3
ECE 2113 Basic Child Growth and Development	3
TECH 1001 Orientation to the University	1
Total Hours	**17**

Spring	Credits
ENGL 1023 Composition II [1]	3
CM 1XXX Communication [1]	3
SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory [1]	4

Spring	Credits
SS 1XXX Social Science Courses [1]	3
ECE 2313 Foundations and Theories in Early Childhood Education	3
Total Hours	**16**

Sophomore

Fall	Credits
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses [1]	6
ECE 2513 Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2613 Methods and Materials Using Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Activities for Young Children	3
Total Hours	**12**

Spring	Credits
USHG 1XXX U.S. History and Government [1]	3
ECE 2991 Practicum in Early Childhood Education [2]	9
NUR 2303 Nutrition	3
Total Hours	**15**

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