

Preschool

Associate of Applied Science

The associate of applied science in early childhood education is a degree option for students seeking to enter a rewarding career working with young children and their families. This practitioner oriented program has a degree emphasis in three fields: administration of early care and education programs; preschool and infant/toddler. This gives the student the opportunity to select their educational experience based on their specific interests and allows for greater learning in a specific area of concentration.

General Education Requirements

Diversity	(3 credits)
Required: HDFS 232	
English/Communications	6 credits
Required: ENG 101 or (113)	
Human Relations	3 credits
Required: MGT 212	
Quantitative Reasoning	3 credits
Choose from Math courses 100 or above (except 100, 105, 107, 108, 122, 123, 190)	
Science	3 credits
Required NUTR 121	
Social Science/Humanities	3 credits
Suggested Classes: SOC 101, PSY 101	
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	3 credits
Total General Education Requirements	24 Credits

Core Requirements

Required for all ECE emphases.

A student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.0 (C) or better and a minimum grade of "C" must be made in each of the core requirements.

ECE 130	Infancy.....	3
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education.....	2
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child.....	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance.....	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children.....	2
ECE 240	Administration of the Preschool.....	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education.....	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development.....	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families.....	3
Total Core Requirements		28 Credits

Emphasis Requirements

ECE 121	Parent Caregiver Relationships.....	1
ECE 123	Health and Nutrition for Young Children.....	1
ECE 155	Literacy and the Young Child.....	1
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Child Development Lab.....	3
ECE 245	Practicum Seminar.....	2
Electives	Any ECE/HDFS course, or other approved class.....	5

Total Emphasis Requirements	13 Credits
Total Degree Requirements	65 Credits

Students who receive an early childhood education AAS degree with an emphasis in preschool must at this point in time complete practicum through TMCC.

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year	Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester			
Emphasis	ECE 121	Parent Caregiver Relations	1
Core	ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education (ECE 250 may be taken concurrently)	2
Core	ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Quantitative Reasoning	Elective	Choose from list	3
English/Communications	ENG 101 or 113	Composition I or Composition I for Non-native English Speaker	3
Core	HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
			Total 15
2nd Semester			
Emphasis	ECE 123	Health and Nutrition for Young Children	1
Core	ECE 130	Infancy	3
Core	ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	2
English/Communications	Elective		3
Diversity	HDFS 232	Diversity in Young Children	3
Science	NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
			Total 15
Second Year	Course #	Title	Credits
3rd Semester			
Emphasis	ECE 155	Literacy and the Young Child	1
Core	ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
Core	ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
Core	ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
Social Science/ Humanities	Elective	Choose from suggested list	3
Human Relations	MGT 212	Leadership & Human Relations	3
			Total 16
4th Semester			
Emphasis	ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Child Development Lab (ECE 231 & ECE 245 must be taken concurrently)	3
Core	ECE 240	Administration of the Preschool	3
Emphasis	ECE 245	Practicum Seminar (ECE 231 & ECE 245 must be taken concurrently)	2
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	Elective		3
Core	HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
			Total 14
Electives: Students may choose from list of ECE courses (1-3 credits) and add them to any semester.		ECE 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 161, 167, 168, 169, 235	5
			Degree Total 65