

Early Childhood Education Degree

Preschool Emphasis

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.

Degree Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

- Fulfill the requirements of the Associate of Applied Science.
- Demonstrate competency in their specified emphasis.

Emphasis Outcomes

Students completing the emphasis will:

- Demonstrate the scope of knowledge and skills based on the five National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) Associate Degree Standards. These include promoting child development and learning; building family and community relationships; observing, documenting, and assessing; teaching and learning; and becoming a professional.
- Demonstrate a scope of knowledge and skills based on the preschool emphasis. These include understanding child development; guiding young children; developing professionalism in the ECE field; developing and implementing curriculum for children birth through preschool; working with families and the community; understanding children with disabilities; observing, documenting and assessing young children; and various field experiences with young children.

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
Science	3 credits
Required: NUTR 121	
Social Science/Humanities	3 credits
Recommended: 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.....	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child.....	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance.....	3

ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children.....	3
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 30 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 67 Credits

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

Suggested Course Sequence

First Year	Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester			
Emphasis	ECE 121	Parent Caregiver Relationships	1
Core	ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education (ECE 250 may be taken concurrently)	3
Core	ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Quantitative Reasoning	Elective		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 16
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	3
English/Communications	ENG 102 or 114	Composition II or Composition II for Non-native English Speaker	3
Diversity	HDFS 232	Diversity in Young Children	3
Science	NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
			Total 16
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 Sci./ Humanities	Elective	Choose from list	3
Human Relations	MGT 212	Leadership and 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 NV 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 67

