

Early Childhood Education Program A.A.S. Degree

In this program, students learn the skills necessary to assist teaching personnel in public or private early childhood centers and day care centers. By taking 15 credits of Early Childhood (EDUA, EDEC, and EDUC) courses, students can apply to the State of New Jersey (Professional Impact New Jersey, advocating growth for early childhood education) for Certification as Group Teacher. The program combines practical, hands-on experience, techniques and preschool education theory with various general studies. Students will create a competency statement within each EDUA, EDEC and EDUC course that measures performances based on current Child Development Associate (CDA) credential competencies or National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards. Upon graduation, students qualify for such positions as day care or preschool aide, elementary school aide or social service assistant. This program is not designed for transfer to a four-year college, although many graduates make such transitions. Students wishing to become teachers should choose the appropriate Education A.A. option for transfer programs.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Identify, analyze and evaluate the variety of early childhood program delivery options
- Demonstrate understanding and applications of early childhood teaching, learning and assessment processes through developmentally appropriate delivery methods in:
 - Language arts
 - Mathematics and science
 - Creative arts
 - Music
 - Social studies, career explorations and civics
 - Health, safety and nutrition
- Maintain healthy, safe learning environments
- Advance physical and intellectual competence among typical and atypical learners
- Support social and emotional development and provide positive guidance among early learners
- Establish positive partnerships with families
- Ensure a well run classroom environment responsive to participant needs
- Demonstrate an understanding of the essential components of teaching and learning processes
- Recognize the importance of technology in early learning environments

Requirements

General Education - 20 credits as described on page 51 of the Catalog. The following general education

courses are recommended for students choosing this program.

(Credit hours listed with each course)

ENGL 121 English Composition: 3

Writing Process

SPCH 115 Public Speaking 3

Social Sciences 3

Career Studies - 24-26 credits from among the following:

EDEC 105 Foundations of Early 3

Childhood Education

EDUA 106 Language Arts in Early 3

Childhood Programs

EDUA 131 Social Studies in Early 3

Childhood Programs

EDUA 135 Music in Early Childhood 3

Education

EDUA 145 Nutrition, Health and Safety 3

in Early Childhood Programs

EDUA 205 Creative Arts in Early 3

Childhood Programs

EDUA 206 Math and Science in Early 3

Childhood Programs

EDUA 299 Early Childhood Assistant 1-5

Internships

EDUC 216 Classroom Techniques 3

EDUC 217 Introduction to the Exceptional 3

Child

EDUC 225 Literacy Development and 3

Instruction

Career Studies - 6 credits from among the following:

ENGL 265 Children's Literature: 3

An Introduction

PSYC 206 Human Growth and 3

Development I

SOCI 105 Intercultural Communication 3

Electives 10

Early Childhood Education

Academic Credit Certificate

The Early Childhood Education Certificate is designed for students who want to take more work in early childhood education than is required for the group teacher endorsement but who do not wish to complete the additional work required for an A.A.S. (two-year) degree.

Requirements

General Education - 6 credits:
(Credit hours listed with each course)

Required:

ENGL 121 English Composition 3
Writing Process

Recommended:

SOCI 105 Intercultural Communication 3
Career Studies - 28-30 credits as follows:

EDEC 105 Foundations of Early 3
Childhood Education

EDUA 106 Language Arts in Early 3
Childhood Programs

EDUA 131 Social Studies in Early 3
Childhood Programs

EDUA 135 Music in Early Childhood 3
Education

EDUA 145 Nutrition, Health and Safety 3
in Early Childhood Programs

EDUA 205 Creative Arts in Early 3
Childhood Programs

EDUA 206 Math and Science in Early 3
Childhood Programs

EDUA 299 Early Childhood-Assistant 1-3
Internship

EDUC 216 Classroom Techniques 3

ENGL 265 Children's Literature: 3
An Introduction

Total Credits 34-36

Suggested Sequence - Early Childhood Education

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The following sequence is an example of how this degree can be completed in two years. This sequence is based on satisfaction of all Basic Skills requirements and prerequisites

and presumes a Fall Term start date. An individual's program may vary depending on transfer institution, career objectives, or individual needs. See your counselor for other options and to monitor your progress.

Course Code Credits Course Code Credits

SEMESTER 1 SEMESTER 2

EDEC 105 3 Career Studies 6

Career Studies 3 Communications 3

ENGL 121 3 Social Sciences 3

Humanities 3 Elective 3

Mathematics or Science or 3-4 15

Technological or Info Literacy

15-16

SEMESTER 3 SEMESTER 4

Career Studies 9 Career Studies 9

General Education(1) 3 General Education 3

Elective 3 Elective 3-4

15 15-16

Total Credits for Degree 60-62

(1) One course is recommended from the Cultural & Global Awareness knowledge area.

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