

AREA: Early Childhood Education

DEGREE: Associate of Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: With the newest research on brain development in the early childhood years, there has been an increased focus on the need for qualified child care centers and child care teachers, assistants and directors. This program is designed for people seeking employment involving the care and education of young children, or for those people presently employed in these situations who wish to enhance and update their competencies.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Occupational opportunities include program teachers and teaching assistants, leaders, supervisors or directors in child development programs.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The number of four-year colleges and universities with programs for a Baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education is increasing. Students enrolling in an applied science degree program with plans to transfer should explore opportunities with their faculty advisor and transfer institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Each CHD course in the Early Childhood Education program will include an assignment or project that will be incorporated into a final portfolio required for graduation. Some CHD classes require a practicum experience in a child care facility. A background check, TB screening, fingerprinting and/or drug screening may be required at the student's expense.

Third Semester

CHD	146	Math, Science and Social Studies For Young Children	3
CHD	210	Intro to Exceptional Children	3
CHD	215	Models of Early Childhood Education Programs	3
CHD	216	Early Childhood Programs, School & Social Change	3
EDU	235	Health, Safety & Nutrition Education	3
	or		
HLT	135	Child Health and Nutrition Humanities or Fine Arts elective	3
		Total	18

Fourth Semester

CHD	265	Advanced Observation & Participation in Early Childhood/ Primary Settings ²	3
CHD	270	Administration of Early Childhood Educational Programs	3
CHD	298	Seminars and Projects ⁴	1
CST	100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3
HLT	106	First Aid and Safety Elective	2 3
		Total	15

Program Total **67**

¹CHD 118 must be completed before CHD 119.

²This is a practicum course where you will be placed in a child care setting. A background check, TB screening and/or drug screening may be required at the expense of the student. CHD 165 must be completed before CHD 265.

³MTH 151 or higher is required for transfer.

⁴Co-requisite: CHD 265

Course#	Title	Credits
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First Semester

CHD	118	Language Arts for Young Children	3
CHD	120	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD	145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement	3
ENG	111	College Composition I	3
PSY	235	Child Psychology	3
SDV	100/101	College Success Skills	1
		Total	16

Second Semester

CHD	119	Intro to Reading Methods ¹	3
CHD	165	Observation & Participation in Early Childhood Settings ²	3
CHD	166	Infant & Toddler Programs	3
CHD	205	Guiding the Behavior of Young Children	3
ENG	112	College Composition II	3
		Math or Science elective ³	3
		Total	18