

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

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 an 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.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
CHD 118	Language Arts for Young Children	3
CHD 120	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music, & Movement	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
PSY 235	Child Psychology	3
SDV100/101	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 with Lab Elective ³	3-4
	Total	18-19

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
	Humanities or Fine Arts Elective ⁴	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 ⁵	1
CST 100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3
PED/HLT	Physical Education or Health Elective	1
		2-3
	Total	14

Program Total **65-67**

¹CHD 118 must be completed before CHD 119.

²CHD 165 prerequisite for CHD 265. This 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.

³MTH 151 or higher is required for transfer.

⁴Students may select humanities or fine arts elective from approved list on page 41.

⁵Co-requisite: CHD 265