

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Associate of Applied Science Degree
10-307-1

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to work as early childhood educators. It combines hands-on fieldwork with related academic work. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. They create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning experiences, and work cooperatively with staff and families.

Early Childhood Education is a career option that has increased in demand. This expanding field is seeking potential students with keen observation skills, a talent for human insight, clear communication skills, and respect for children and families. Early Childhood Associate Degree graduates will meet the state educational requirements to be a Child Care Teacher in a licensed group early childhood center for children ages 2 weeks to 10 years old.

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply child development theory to practice.
- Cultivate relationships with children, family, and the community.
- Assess child growth and development.
- Use effective, research-based practices in teaching and learning.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Integrate health, safety, and nutrition practices.

Graduates Have Found Employment As

- Nannies
- Infant Toddler Caregiver
- Before & After School Child Care Centers
- Early Childhood Special Needs Assistants

- Early Childhood Centers Administration positions
- Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Assistant Teacher

View the entire course listing (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/courses/>).

General Education Courses Within Program

Semester 1		Credits
307-148	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
307-167	ECE: Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
307-151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Development	3
307-160	ECE: Field Experience 1	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior	3
307-108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy	3
307-110	ECE: Social Studies, Art & Music	3
307-170	ECE: Field Experience 2	3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
307-187	ECE: Children with Differing Abilities	3
801-198	Speech	3
307-190	ECE: Field Experience 3	3
307-112	ECE: STEM	3
804-134 or 804-118	Mathematical Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra with Applications	3-4
Credits		15-16

Semester 4

307-195	ECE: Family and Community Relationships	3
307-210	ECE: Field Experience 4	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
999-999	Elective	3
Credits		15
Total Credits		60-61

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801-198	Speech	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
804-134	Mathematical Reasoning	3-4
or 804-118	Intermediate Algebra with Applications	
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3

A caregiver criminal background check and health examination are required prior to beginning a field experience course. Drug testing may also be required by certain sites. There are fees associated with these tasks. For more information, contact the program faculty and/or program advisor.

Taking a course within the Child Care Services technical diploma or Early Childhood Education associate degree prior to completing and passing a criminal background check does not guarantee enrollment in any of the field experience courses or placement in the early childhood field required for program completion.

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