

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education is an online degree structured to provide a seamless acquisition of academic requirements for various career levels in occupations related to child care and early childhood education in the public and private sectors. The early childhood education courses provide the academic requirements for meeting assessment guidelines for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The general education courses can be applied toward the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in Child Development.

Early Childhood Education Associate Degree

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of child development and learning
- Know about, understand, and value the role of a child's family, culture, and community in children's lives
- Work cooperatively with parents, using an understanding of the family as a context for young children's development
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions of a reflective early childhood practitioner
- Demonstrate knowledge of health, safety, nutrition, and administrative guidelines
- Develop a thorough understanding of child development and the value of play in children's learning
- Design developmentally-appropriate curriculum and classroom practices
- Adhere to ethical practices in the field of early childhood education

Curriculum Program of Study

General Education coursework or enrollment in courses as needed: 35 hours

Required Coursework: 25 hours

Code	Title	Hours
TECH 1001	Orientation to the University	1
ECE 2113	Basic Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 2313	Foundations and Theories in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2513	Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2613	Methods and Materials Using Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Activities for Young Children	3
ECE 2991	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	1
NUR 2303	Nutrition	3
Total Hours		17

Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1013	Composition I ¹	3
MATH XXXX	Mathematics ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
SS 1XXX	Social Science Courses ¹	3
ECE 2113	Basic Child Growth and Development	3
TECH 1001	Orientation to the University	1
Hours		17
Spring		
ENGL 1023	Composition II ¹	3
CM 1XXX	¹	3
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
SS 1XXX	Social Science Courses ¹	3
ECE 2313	Foundations and Theories in Early Childhood Education	3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
FAH 1XXX	Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	6
ECE 2513	Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 2613	Methods and Materials Using Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Activities for Young Children	3
Hours		12
Spring		
USHG 1XXX	U.S. History and Government ¹	3
ECE 2991	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	9
NUR 2303	Nutrition	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

¹ See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)".