

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(60 hrs. min.)

CIP: 13.1210

School of Education, (505) 428-1687

This program offers the theory and skills required for working in various settings that serve young children birth through grade three. Graduates may qualify as a teacher in an early childhood center classroom. The A.A.S. partially fulfills the New Mexico Public Education Department's competency requirements for a birth through grade three licensure.

Note: A.A.S. degrees are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in specific occupations; they are not generally intended to transfer to four-year institutions. For more information on transfer, please refer to Page 34 of this catalog, or speak with an academic adviser.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

- Describe the processes of and influences on development in young children.
- Identify the adult's role in supporting each child's growth, development and learning.
- Create and promote supportive environments that engage parents, guardians, families and the community to meet the needs of each child.
- Select and use diverse assessment tools to monitor child development.
- Select and use diverse assessment tools to monitor the quality of early childhood programs.
- Design, implement and evaluate curricula and instruction that promote optimal development and learning for all children.
- Make appropriate and ethical decisions to positively influence children's development.
- Analyze safe environments and appropriate nutrition that promote positive physical and mental health for young children

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (28 HRS. MIN.)

Communications (9 hrs.)

- ENGL 111 Composition and Rhetoric (3)
ENGL 112 Composition and Literature (3)
[or]
ENGL 119 Professional Communication (3)
[or]
ENGL 216 Technical Writing (3)
SPCH 111 Public Speaking (3)
[or]
SPCH 220 Interpersonal Communication (3)
[or]
SPCH 225 Small-Group Communication (3)
[or]
SPCH 235 Intercultural Communication (3)

Math (3 hrs. min.)

- BSAD 112 Business Math (3)
[or]
MATH 111 Math for Elementary School Teachers I (3)

[or]

MATH 119 Applications of Mathematics for Nonscience Majors (3)

[or]

MATH 121 College Algebra (4) or higher

Science (4 hrs. min.)

Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hrs.)

Humanities and Fine Arts (3 hrs.)

Computers/Technology (4 hrs. min.)

CITC 111 Computers and Technology (4)

[or]

OFTC 111 Business Software Essentials I (4)

Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) or Dance (2 hrs. min.)

CORE REQUIREMENTS: (32 HRS.)

ECED 111 Child, Growth, Development, and Learning (3)

ECED 112 Health, Safety, and Nutrition (2)

ECED 113 Family and Community Collaboration (3)

ECED 114 Assessment of Children and Evaluation of Programs (3)

ECED 211 Introduction to Reading and Literacy Development (3)

ECED 215 Professionalism (2)

ECED 216A Curriculum Development and Implementation I (3)

ECED 216B Curriculum Development and Implementation Practicum I (2)

ECED 217A Curriculum Development and Implementation II (3)

ECED 217B Curriculum Development and Implementation Practicum II (2)

ECED 218 Guiding Young Children (3)

ECME 111 Foundations of Early Childhood (3)

NOTE: See "College Success Course Requirement" on Page 10.

TOTAL 60 CREDITS MIN.