

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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#### Associate of Applied Science

#### PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the UCC Early Childhood Education AAS Degree program is to partner with our community to prepare high quality early childhood education providers to meet the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of a diverse population of children ages birth to five by offering opportunities for students to learn theory and put theory and skills to practice in early childhood settings.

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science Degree program prepares students to work with infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children in both public and private school settings. Students completing the ECE Associate of Applied Science degree will achieve Step 9 on the Oregon Registry Steps for the Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education.

#### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Development will be able to:

1. Create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments for young children based on knowledge of child development
2. Create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and involve all families in their student's development and learning
3. Develop and use effective and responsible assessment including observation, documentation and other appropriate tools in partnership with families and professional colleagues to promote positive outcomes for each child
4. Use a whole array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning
5. Design, implement and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every young child
6. Demonstrate behavior reflective of ethical guidelines and professional practices associated with early childhood careers

#### CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

Graduates of the ECE AAS degree will learn specific skills and knowledge that are imperative in working with infants, toddlers, young children, and their families in a variety of early childhood education and care settings. These settings include both public and private infant toddler centers, preschools, private kindergartens, and in-home care settings.

The ECE AAS course work and practical work experience focuses on obtaining knowledge and understanding of the growth and

development of young children, guidance skills, and curriculum planning that supports positive social/emotional, cognitive, mental, and physical development in children. Our ECE AS degree program focuses on seven crucial learning outcomes to help prepare students for working with young children and their families.

#### PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

##### Year One

ECE 101	Seminar/Practicum I	4
ECE 102	Seminar/Practicum II	4
ECE 103	Seminar/Practicum III	4
ECE 140	Intro to ECE	2
ECE 150	Creative Activities	3
ECE 178	Observing and Guiding Behavior	3
ECE 240	Lesson and Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 154	Lit and Lang for Children	3
HDFS 225	Child Development	3
HDFS 226	Infant/Todd Development	3
PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
PSY 130	Understanding Child Behavior	2
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
Electives		6

##### Year Two

ECE 104	Seminar/Practicum IV	4
ECE 105	Seminar/Practicum V	4
ECE 106	Seminar/Practicum VI	4
ECE 244	Individual Learning/Preschool	3
ECE 247	Admin of Childcare Centers	3
ED 258	Multicultural Education	3
FN 230	Personal Nutrition	3
HDFS 228	The Exceptional Child	3
HDFS 240	Cont. American Families	3
HPE 295	Wellness and Health	3
MTH 60	Intro to Algebra (0r higher)	4
MUS XXX		3
SOC 205	Institutions of Social Change	3
Electives		3

**Total Credits 93**

#### PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

##### Academic Entrance Requirement

- Enrollment in Oregon Central Background Registry
- Verification of MMR vaccinations
- Food Handler's Certificate