

Early Childhood Education – Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education prepares students to transfer into a four-year program of study in early childhood education. While at NCCC, students complete the general education course requirements plus several courses specific to early childhood/elementary education. The student should consult with an advisor to select courses appropriate for their transfer institution.

Prerequisites

The student will need to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, English, and mathematics based on the COMPASS assessment test, ACT or SAT scores, or by taking the recommended/required classes. Some of the courses in this curriculum have specific prerequisites.

General Education (GE) Courses

In order to graduate with a college degree, all students are required to take certain general education courses. These include English composition, speech, wellness, science, art and humanities, mathematics, computer systems, and social and behavioral science.

Program Core Courses

FCS 203 Nutrition, PSYC 263 Developmental Psychology, PSYC 219 Child Development, EDUC 260 Intro to Early Childhood Education.

Program Electives

EDUC 252 Children's Literature, ENGL 113 General Literature, HUM 133 World Religions.

Program Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of child growth and development.
2. Create appropriate learning environments and general curriculum.
3. Observe and assess children.
4. Demonstrate the ability to communicate with families about curriculum and an individual child's progress and developmental growth.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of health, safety and nutrition.
6. Demonstrate effective interactions with children.
7. Plan, develop, implement and evaluate the childcare program.
8. Display professionalism in practice.

Course Sequence

The listing that follows is a recommended sequence of courses for full-time students. The student should consult with an advisor for information specific to their academic situation.

Early Childhood Education – Associate of Arts Recommended Sequence of Courses for PSU Transfer

(Fall) Semester I		Cr Hrs
PSYC 100	First Year Seminar	1
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3
BIOL 115/116	Environmental Science/Lab or	
BIOL111/112	General Biology/Lab	5
CSIS 130	Intro to Computer Information Systems	3
EDUC 260	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
Total		15

(Spring) Semester II		
ENGL 289	English Composition II	3
HPER 150	Lifetime Fitness	1
FCS 203	Nutrition	3
PHYS 171/172	Physical Science/ Lab or	
CHEM 105/106	Intro to Chemistry/Lab or	
PHYS 102/103	Fundamentals of Astronomy/Lab	5
PSYC 155	General Psychology	3
Total		15

(Fall) Semester III		
MATH 113	College Algebra	3
SOSC 101	American Government I	3
PSYC 263	Developmental Psychology	3
ART 178	Intro to Visual Arts or	
COMM 105	Theater Appreciation or	
MUSI 120	Music Appreciation or	
MUSI 123	Music in America	3
PSYC 219	Child Development	3
HIST 207	World Geography	3
Total		18

(Spring) Semester IV		
ETEC 194	Intro to Tech Systems	3
ENGL 113	General Literature	3
EDUC 252	Children's Literature	3
HUM 103	Intro to Philosophy or	
HUM 133	World Religions	3
HIST 101/102	World Civilization I or II or	
201/202	U.S. History I or II	3
COMM 207	Fundamentals of Speech	3
Total		18

Total Program Credits **66**

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