

Associate of Applied Science
Early Childhood Education
60 Credit Hours

General Education Foundational Courses (18 credit hours)

Goal	Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
Communication	ENG 125	College Composition	3	
Choose one of the following courses:				
Technological Competence	CIS 110	Computer Applications	3	
Professionalism	CCR 110	College and Career Readiness	3	
Students intending to transfer to another institution should consult the intended program's requirements when choosing courses for the following categories.				
Reasoning	6 or 7+ credits designated as: General Education Reasoning (SCI) OR General Education Reasoning (PHL) OR General Education Reasoning (MTH)		6 or 7	
Analysis of Diverse Perspectives	3 credits designated as General Education Analysis of Diverse Perspectives (GEN)+		3	

+Students planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in education or special education at a 4-year institution should complete a science course with lab, two math courses, and ENG 220 as well as selecting major courses in consultation with their academic advisor.

Early Childhood Education Major Courses (42 credit hours)

Choose 42 credit hours of additional coursework based upon your career goals and/or your planned baccalaureate major in consultation with your Advisor and the catalog/transfer agreement for your intended transfer institution.			
Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
Early Childhood Education Foundation			
ECE 110*	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	
ECE 150	Creative and Expressive Arts	3	
ECE 220	Children's Literature	3	ENG 125
ECE 240	Co-Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom	3	
EDU 118*	Family Involvement and Collaboration	3	
EDU 120	Instructional and Classroom Design	3	
EDU 225*	Observation and Assessment	3	
EDU 235	Cognitive Development and Learning	3	
EDU 255	Educational Psychology	3	
EDU 285	English Language Learners (ELL) Foundations	3	
SPD 245	Meeting Learning Needs for Children with Exceptionalities	3	
Complete all courses listed in one of the Specializations given below.			
Early Childhood Concepts and Methods Specialization			
ECE 222^	Concepts and Methods: Language and Literacy Development	3	EDU 120
ECE 224^	Concepts and Methods: Mathematical and Scientific Thinking	3	EDU 120
ECE 228^	Integrated Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 120
Pennsylvania Childcare Director Credential Preparation			
ECE 250**	PA Director Credential I: Early Childhood Leadership and Advocacy	3	
ECE 252**	PA Director Credential II: Principles of Childcare Administration	3	
ECE 254**	PA Director Credential III: Business and Fiscal Management for Early Childhood Programs	3	

^Field experience embedded throughout the term. Attainment of mandatory clearances is required.

* Upon request, prior learning credit may be awarded to eligible students who have completed 120 hours of professional development towards a Child Development Associate credential.

**Prior Learning Credit available with active Industry-Recognized Credential. Please speak to an Advisor for eligibility criteria.