

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	
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.

[See general education course descriptions]

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.

[See early childhood education course descriptions]