



ANCILLA COLLEGE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Why should I consider an associate degree in Early Childhood Education?

Early childhood teachers and childcare providers have a great impact on the social, personal, and intellectual development of children. Their influence stems from a love of young children and learning; a talent for awakening children to new areas of development; understanding of the human development process; and professional skills.

Students master a broad base of liberal arts education through general education courses for their own benefit and the benefit of the young children to be served. Through the early childhood education courses students gain a foundation of knowledge of all developmental areas, physical, cognitive, emotional, and social for children with different learning styles, temperaments, developmental levels, and individual and cultural characteristics. Developmentally appropriate practices are incorporated throughout the curriculum. Students gain first hand knowledge of early childhood education through visits, observations, and practicum and become aware of the demands of a career in early childhood.

What are the requirements for the Early Childhood Education associate degree?

Suggested Schedule of Classes:

(Concentration requirements in bold, blue type)

First Semester

	<u>Credits</u>
EN 110 Writing I	3
HM101 Freshman Seminar	1
CS135 Computer Literacy	3
PS115 General Psychology	3
ED205 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CA115 Public Speaking	3

Second Semester

EN212 Writing II	3
ED253 Growth & Development in EC	3
ED260 Curriculum Development	3
ED261 Child in Family, Culture, Comm	3
Humanities Course*	3

Third Semester

	<u>Credits</u>
Religion, Philosophy, Ethics	3
MT/ED102 Math Concepts for EC	3
ED258 Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
ED265 Learning Environments	3
History or Political Science	3

Fourth Semester

BI114 Biological Concepts for Elem Teachers	5
ED262 Communication & Emergent Literacy	3
ED266 Practicum in Early Childhood/ Professionalism	4
SC140 Intro to Sociology	3

Concentration Total: 25 credit hours

Gen. Ed. Requirements: 36 credit hours

Associate Degree Total: 61

* Humanities Courses: AR125 Art Appreciation, MS125 Music Appreciation, EN120 World Literature, EN122 American Literature, Foreign Language

“The Early Childhood classes offer real life experiences. I can take what I learn and apply it to my work with young children.”
– Kerry Munoz

What can I do with an Early Childhood Education degree?

The Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Education prepares students to work professionally with young children in a variety of ways including preschool, Head Start, home childcare, and other childcare facilities, or to transfer to another institution for a four-year degree.

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