

Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education

Program Mission

The mission of this program is to prepare individuals to be professional, creative, and effective educators. Graduates will display a positive attitude toward all children and their families and gain skills to implement a safe, educational and developmentally appropriate environment for young children. **Program Description**

Early childhood pertains to children age eight and below. Early childhood educators work in Head Start programs, childcare centers, family home care programs, elementary schools, social services programs, and health care services. These professionals plan and implement appropriate experiences for young children in areas such as language, health, movement, creativity, cognitive, self-concept and social behavior. They also supervise children's activities, care for their needs, keep records of their progress, and confer with parents and other professionals.

The Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education is closely aligned with national standards and meets the education requirements for Basic Educator Preschool Certification from the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. The National Association for the Education of Young Children encourages a minimal educational level of an associate degree in early childhood education for early childhood program teachers. Only technical required courses that have a grade of "C" or better will be counted towards the Associate degree.

Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

Upon successful completion of the AS in Early Childhood, students will be able to:

1. Model appropriate practices for children, professionalism, and demonstrate ethical conduct based on guidelines from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
2. Communicate effectively with students, staff and families including those from diverse backgrounds and special populations.
3. Implement various developmentally and age-appropriate teaching, assessment and guidance strategies needed to work with young children from birth to age eight.

General Education Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
EN110	English Composition	3
MA110A	Finite Mathematics	3
XXXXX	Computer Literacy Requirement	3
XXXXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement	3
XXXXX	Humanities & Fine Arts Requirement	3-4
XXXXX	Natural & Physical Sciences Requirement	4
Total		19-20
Technical/Core Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CD140	Nutrition and Physical Health	3
CD180	Language Arts in Early Childhood	3
CD240	Cognitive & Creative Development in Early Childhood	3

CD260	Social & Emotional Development	3
ED231	Introduction to Exceptionalities	3
CD292	Early Childhood Education Practicum	3
Choose One		
CD221	Child Growth & Development	3
ED220	Human Growth & Development	
Choose One		
CD110	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ED150	Introduction to Teaching	
Electives		
XXXXX	Any college level course	3
XXXXX	Any college level course	3
XXXXX	Any college level course	3
XXXXX	Any college level course	4
XXXXX	Any college level course	4
Total		41
Program Total		60-61

Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education – Semester Breakdown

Year 1			Year 2		
Semester 1			Semester 3		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
XXXXX	Humanities & Fine Arts Requirement	3-4	CD240	Cognitive & Creative Development	3
CD110/ ED150	Intro to Early Childhood Education or Intro to Teaching	3	XXXXX	Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement	3
CD221/ ED220	Child Growth & Development or Human Growth & Development	3	XXXXX	Natural & Physical Sciences Requirement	4
CD180	Language Arts in Early Childhood	3	XXXXX	Elective	4
CD140	Nutrition and Physical Health	3			
Total		15-16	Total		14
Semester 2			Semester 4		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
CD260	Social & Emotional Development	3	CD292	Early Childhood Education Practicum	3
ED231	Introduction to Exceptionalities	3	XXXXX	Elective	3
EN110	English Composition	3	XXXXX	Elective	3
MA110A	Finite Mathematics	3	XXXXX	Elective	3
XXXXX	Computer Literacy Requirement	3	XXXXX	Elective	4
Total		15	Total		16
Year 1 Total		30-31	Year 2 Total		30
Program Total				60-61	