

Early Childhood Education (A55220)

Official Program Description registered with the NC Community College System:

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from birth through eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Education program, the student will be able to:

- Apply selected theories and concepts of child development to the education of young children.
- Plan and implement developmentally appropriate experiences that stimulate children's development and learning.
- Provide an optimal learning environment for young children.
- Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for young children.
- Provide positive guidance for young children.
- Communicate effectively with children, co-workers, and parents.

Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science Degree - Early Childhood Education is awarded by the College upon completion of this program.

Note

Upon successful completion of EDU 119, the student is qualified to receive the North Carolina Child Care Credential.

For More Information

The Early Childhood Education program is in the Allied Health and Public Services Division, for more information call (919) 735-5151, ext. 337, or visit us at our web site at <http://www.waynecc.edu>.

Admissions

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- A placement test in English, mathematics, reading and computer skills are required to determine entry-level courses that match individual needs.
- Students selecting a science course must also meet the requirements for MAT 070 through the placement test or course completion prior to receiving a degree.

First Step to Enroll:

Call the Admissions and Records Office at (919) 735-5151, ext. 238.

	Contact Hours	Semester Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER		
ACA 111 College Student Success.....	1	1
EDU 119 Intro to Early Child Educ.....	4	4
EDU 131 Child Family and Community...	3	3
EDU 144 Child Development I	3	3
EDU 162 Observation & Assessment.....	3	3
ENG 111 Expository Writing.....	3	3
		17
SECOND SEMESTER		
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	4	3

EDU 145 Child Development II	3	3
EDU 151 Creative Activities	3	3
EDU 151A Creative Activities Lab	2	1
EDU 153 Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	3
EDU 184 Early Childhood Intro Pract.....	4	2
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective..	3	3
		18

SUMMER TERM

EDU 146 Child Guidance	3	3
EDU 221 Children w/Exceptionalities.....	3	3
		6

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THIRD SEMESTER

*EDU Elective	3	3
EDU 271 Educational Technology.....	4	3
EDU 280 Language & Literacy Exper.....	3	3
EDU 280A Literacy Experiences Lab	2	1
ENG 114 Prof Research & Reporting.....	3	3
Math or Natural Science Elec..	3-4	3-4
		16-17

FOURTH SEMESTER

**EDU Electives	3	3
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EDU 284 Early Childhood Capstone Practicum.....	10	4
PSY 150 General Psychology.....	3	3
		16

Total Credit Hours 73-74

Required Subject Area Sets

Set 1:

*EDU Elective:
EDU 251 Exploration Activities..... 3 3

**EDU Elective:
EDU 234 Infants, Toddlers, and Twos 3 3

OR
EDU 235 School-Age Child Dev. & Prog. 3 3
EDU 259 Curriculum Planning

EDU 282 Early Childhood Literature 3 3

Set 2:

*EDU Elective:
EDU 261 Early Childhood Admin I 3 3

**EDU Elective:
EDU 262 Early Childhood Admin II 3 3

OR
EDU 114 Intro to Family Childcare..... 3 3
EDU 259 Curriculum Planning

EDU 287 Leadership/Early Childhood Ed 3 3

Set 3:

*EDU Elective:
EDU 222 Learning w/Behav Disorders.... 3 3

**EDU Elective:
EDU 223 Specific Learning Disabilities ... 3 3
EDU 247 Sensory & Physical Disab..... 3 3
EDU 248 Developmental Delays..... 3 3

*MAT and Natural Science Requirement

Students must demonstrate competency in Math Skills by attaining minimally acceptable scores on the ASSET, Accuplacer/CPT or COMPASS placement test or course completion as follows:

1. ASSET Numerical >41 AND either ASSET Elementary Algebra >41 or ASSET Intermediate Algebra >36;
2. or COMPASS Algebra >46;
3. or completion of MAT 070 with a grade of C or better.

Math or Natural Science Elective:

MAT 110 Mathematical Measurement

MAT 115 Mathematical Models

BIO 110 Principles of Biology