

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 completion of the Early Childhood Education program, a graduate should be able to:

- Create learning environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging for all children.
- Design and implement developmentally effective curriculum that addresses all domains of learning.
- Establish trusting and respectful reciprocal relationships with all children, families and communities.
- Use authentic assessment responsibly to make informed decisions to guide all children's learning.
- Communicate effectively using standard written and verbal skills.
- Utilize technology to enhance learning for all children.
- Demonstrate leadership, advocacy and professionalism in the field of early education.

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) 739-6795, or visit us at our web site at 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) 739-6720.

	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

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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
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SUMMER TERM

EDU 146 Child Guidance	3	3
EDU 221 Children w/Exceptionalities.....	3	3
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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
	Contact Hours	Semester Credit Hours
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	3	3
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	3	3
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