

Associate of Arts

Early Childhood Concentration

The Associate of Arts with an Early Childhood Concentration is designed to prepare individuals to work with young children in a variety of public and private programs. Students pursuing this concentration are provided with comprehensive courses that are focused on children from birth through age eight. The study of research and theory is blended with many opportunities for hands-on experiences throughout the courses. Students who wish to earn a National CDA credential may complete the necessary coursework as part of the AA with a Concentration in Early Childhood.

Students who successfully complete the AA with Concentration in Early Childhood degree program with education prerequisites may be eligible to articulate into a baccalaureate in education degree program.

General Education Requirements:	Credit Hours
ENC 1101	3
ENC 1102	3
SPC 1017 or SPC 2023.....	3
Humanities Electives	6
to include 3 credits writing intensive	
*Social Science Electives	9
to include one WOH or EUH course	
College Level Mathematics Electives	6
Natural Science Electives w/Lab.....	6
TOTAL	36

Required Education Baccalaureate Program Prerequisites (grades of C or better) and electives for the Associate in Arts Degree (minimum of 24 credit hours) for students intending to articulate into a baccalaureate of education degree program:

*EDF 2005 Intro to the Teaching Profession
 *EDF 2085 Intro to Diversity for Educators
 *EME 2040 Intro to Technology for Educators
 *PSY 2012 General Psych. or DEP 2004 Dev. Psych.

***courses can be used to satisfy general education requirements in social sciences (in addition to specific WOH or EUH requirement)**

Concentration Core Electives (Choose seven)	Credit Hours
CHD 1120 Infant/Toddler Development.....	3
CHD 1220 Intro to Child Development	3
CHD 1332 Creat Exper for the Young Child.....	3
CHD 2324 Early Child Lang. Arts & Reading....	3
EEC 1202 Princip of Early Childhood Curr.....	3
EEC 1603 Positive Guid & Behavior Man	3
EEC 2521 Admin of a Child Care Center	3
EEX 1013 Special Needs in Early Childhood.....	3
HSC 1421 Health, Safety & Nutrition for the Young Child	3
**CHD 1134 Manag of Early Childhood Learn...	3
**CHD 1135 Understand Young Children	3
**EEC 1000 Found in Early Childhood Ed.....	3
Total.....	21

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS60

****These courses satisfy the coursework requirement of the National CDA credential.**

Concentration Core Requirement	Credit Hours
EEC 1946 Early Childhood Practicum	3

