



Academic & Career PATHWAYS

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Early Childhood Education – Full-Time Advising Guide

This degree prepares students for jobs in early childhood education. NOTE: Students in this program must complete a background check and must register with the State of Missouri Family Care Safety Registry. For additional information about admission to this program, visit the program site at: <https://mccck.edu/programs/early-childhood-education/>

Complete all the courses below to earn the A.A.S. degree and the highlighted courses only to earn the **Early Childhood Education & Development Certificate**.

	Course	Degree Requirements Met	Credits	Action Steps
Semester 1				
☐	ENGL 101 Composition & Reading I	General Education Requirement	3	- Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan - Apply to program
☐	ECED 101 Fundamentals of Early Care and Education	Program Requirement	3	
☐	ECED 110 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	Program Requirement	3	
☐	ECED 113 Child Growth and Development	Program Requirement	3	
☐	ECED 112 Learning Environments	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			15	
Semester 2				
☐	COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech OR COMM 102 Fundamentals of Human Communication Choose one	General Education Requirement	3	- Meet with Student Success Advisor - Complete Civics Exam with 70% or higher - Research/contact transfer institutions
☐	HIST 120 United States History to 1865 HIST 121 United States History since 1865 OR POLS 136 Introduction to U.S. National Politics Choose one	General Education Requirement/Civics	3	
☐	ECED 115 Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers	Program Requirement	3	
☐	ECED 262 Working with Families and the Community	Program Requirement	3	
☐	SOCI 160 Sociology PSYC 140 General Psychology PSYC 240 Child Development OR ART 110 Drawing I Choose one	General Education Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			15	
Semester 3				
☐	BIOL 132 Human Nutrition	General Education Requirement	3	Meet with Student Success Advisor
☐	ECED 128 Curriculum in ECE I: DAP & Play	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			6	



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Semester 4				
☐	ECED 121 Equity and Advocacy in Child Care and Education	Program Requirement	3	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Apply for admission at transfer institution
☐	ECED 129 Curriculum in ECE II: STEAM	Program Requirement	2	
☐	ECED 149 Observation and Assessment	Program Requirement (Field Experience)	3	
☐	ECED 201 Language and Literacy in ECE	Program Requirement	3	
☐	ECED 260 Education of the Exceptional Child	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			14	
Semester 5				
☐	ECED 254 Teaching Methods and Interactions for Learning in ECE	Program Requirement	2	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Apply for scholarships at transfer institution ▪ Apply for Graduation ▪ Apply for jobs
☐	ECED 236 Child Guidance	Program Requirement (Field Experience)	3	
☐	ECED 255 Capstone Practicum Experience	Program Requirement (Field Experience)	3	
☐	ECED 270 ECED Professional Portfolio	Program Requirement	2	
☐	ECED 220 Child Care Management	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			13	
Credits Required			62	
Credits Required for Early Childhood Education & Development Certificate			22	
<i>*The A.A.S in Early Childhood Education requires a minimum of 62* total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.</i>				

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: [Early Childhood Education & Development](#)

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- Natural Science courses must be chosen from two different disciplines including at least one course with a lab.
- Only 3 credits for performance classes can be used for Humanities & Fine Arts