



Academic & Career PATHWAYS

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

Early Childhood Education – Part-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://mcckc.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				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101 Composition & Reading I	General Education Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan ▪ Apply to program
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 101 Fundamentals of Early Care and Education	Program Requirement	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 110 Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			9	
Semester 2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech OR COMM 102 Fundamentals of Human Communication Choose one	General Education Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 113 Child Growth and Development	Program Requirement	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 112 Learning Environments	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			9	
Semester 3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 115 Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers	Program Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Complete Civics Exam with 70% or higher
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 262 Working with Families and the Community	Program Requirement	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 120 United States History to 1865 OR HIST 121 United States History since 1865 Choose one	General Education Requirement/Civics	3	
Total Semester Credits			9	
Semester 4				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 121_Equity and Advocacy in Child Care and Education	Program Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCI 160 Sociology PSYC 140 General Psychology	General Education Requirement	3-5*	



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	PSYC 240 Child Development OR ART 110 Drawing I Choose one			
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 128 Curriculum in ECE I: DAP & Play	Program Requirement	2	
Total Semester Credits			8	
Semester 5				
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 132 Human Nutrition	General Education Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Research/contact transfer institutions Success Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 149 Field Experience	Program Requirement	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 201 Language and Literacy in ECE	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			9	
Semester 6				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 260 Education of the Exceptional Child	Program Requirement	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply for admission at transfer institution ▪ Apply for scholarships at transfer institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 129 Curriculum in ECE II: STEAM	Program Requirement	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 254 Teaching Methods and Interactions for Learning in ECE	Program Requirement	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 236 Child Guidance	Program Requirement (Field Experience)	3	
Total Semester Credits			10	
Semester 7				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 255 Capstone Practicum Experience	Program Requirement (Field Experience)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply for Graduation ▪ Apply for jobs
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 270 ECED Professional Portfolio	Program Requirement	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ECED 220 Child Care Management	Program Requirement	3	
Total Semester Credits			8	
Credits Required			62	
Credits Required for Early Childhood Education & Development Certificate			22	
<p><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></p>				



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This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for part-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 - A.A.S. Degree](#)

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