

# Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education

The Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education helps to prepare you to work with young children from birth to 5 years of age in a variety of private and public childcare and educational settings.

In addition, courses in the program can help you prepare to pursue the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification (<http://www.cdacouncil.org>) sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Training Institution and the Council for Professional Recognition by providing the required academic requirements for that certification. There are additional requirements regarding work experience, portfolios and evaluations that the University does not provide or help meet.

Knowledge gained in this online associate program can also serve as a springboard to a related baccalaureate degree.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Describe the scope and principal theories of early childhood care and education.
- Describe how existing knowledge and practice in early childhood care and education is tested and revised.
- Use appropriate research documents on early childhood care and education, and cite appropriately.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-life settings.
- Describe their own cultural background and how this background has influenced their own beliefs and practices in the field of child development and family studies.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	21
	Elective Requirements	9
	<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

## Degree Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH240	Survey of Photography	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop®	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI212	Jazz and Rock	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS101	Introduction to the Study of Religion	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	

<b>Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours) <sup>1</sup></b>		
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	
ECON101	Microeconomics	
ECON102	Macroeconomics	
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210	International Relations I	
LITR212	Forgotten America--Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210	American Government I	
RELS250	Death and Dying	
RELS260	Race & Religion	
RELS270	Hope and Resilience	
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	

<b>Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)</b>		
COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing	3

<b>History (3 semester hours)</b>		
Select 1 courses from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	

**Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following:		3
ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors	
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming	
MATH110	College Algebra	
MATH111	College Trigonometry	
MATH112	Pre-Calculus	
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors	
MATH225	Calculus	

<b>Natural Sciences with (3 semester hours)</b>		
Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines	

Total Semester Hours 30

<sup>1</sup> All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

**Major Required (21 semester hours)**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EDUC111	Observation Techniques	3
CHFD210	Childhood Educational Development	3
CHFD212	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
CHFD225	Introduction to the American Family	3
CHFD308	Infant-Toddler Development	3
CHFD312	Special Needs Students	3
CHFD331	Parenting	3
Total Semester Hours		21

## Elective Requirements (9 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Select any courses comprised of lower (100-200) level courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Additional general education courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements.	9
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	Total Semester Hours	9