



**Early Childhood Education**  
**Associate of Arts (AA) Degree Program**  
 Division of Education & Health Sciences

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The Early Childhood program is designed to provide basic education in areas needed to meet the requirements for educating the child as an infant to the age of five. Students will learn to create a child-centered environment which encourages cooperation and collaboration among children and their families, community, Headstart program, and schools.

The Learning Outcomes from the Early Childhood degree program are as follows:

- 📖 Promote child development and learning by knowing young children’s needs and understanding the multiple influences on development and learning.
- 📖 Build participation of families.
- 📖 Understand and apply theory regarding various topics in early childhood education.
- 📖 Demonstrate how to set up and maintain a healthy, safe environment
- 📖 Build meaningful curriculum using knowledge and resources to design and implement problem solving, creative, academic, and social competence.

Students majoring in Early Childhood Education are required to take the General Core Requirements 1 – 6 for an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree program on page 11-2 as well as the following major CORE 7 courses:

CORE 7 – Early Childhood Education				30 Credits Required	
Course #	Name of Course	Offered	Credits	Semester Taken	Grade
EDEC 105	Observation and Assessment w/Lab	Fall	3		
EDEC 108	Introduction to Early Childhood Education Curriculum w/Lab	Fall	3		
EDEC 130	Health, Safety & Nutrition in EC w/Lab	Fall	3		
EDEC 135	Language & Literature for Young Children	Fall	3		
EDEC 160	EC Adolescent Growth Development/PSYX 230	Spring	3		
EDEC 210	Creating an Environment for Learning w/Lab	Spring	3		
EDEC 230	Positive Child Guidance w/Lab	Spring	3		
EDEC 249	Infant/Toddler Development	Spring	3		
EDEC 250	Math & Science for Early Childhood	Spring	3		
PSYX 203	Intro to Social Science Research Methods	Spring	3		
<b>Total Core 7 Credits To Be Completed By Student</b>			<b>30</b>		