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:

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**Total Core 7 Credits To Be Completed By Student** 30