

Early Childhood Education PK-3

Associate of Science (AS) Degree Program

Division of Education

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The Associates of Science in Early Childhood Education Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 3 Students will have a better understand of how to teach from pre-school to grade three. The Preschool - Grade 3 (P-3) Early Childhood Education Endorsement prepares students for working with our youngest learners and for meeting Montana’s new requirement for P-3 Early Childhood for all public school preschool teachers. The students will receive hands on field experience in a classroom setting. This program is designed to help students to develop appropriate curriculum, knowledge and skill based learning for childhood levels of development. Students will engage in inquiry, develop critical thinking strategies, solve complex problems, and build effective communication skills. The program will prepare the students for Montana Elementary PK – 3 Teacher Certification or for employment within our community. Blackfeet Community College collaborates with University of Montana-Western in a “2 + 2” partnership for transfer to their four-year distance learning programs. Other Montana colleges and universities are also an option for transfer from BCC.

Career Opportunities: P3 Elementary School Teacher, Preschool Teacher or Childcare Center Director

The Learning Outcomes are as follows:

- Early childhood development in all areas of learning; physical, cognitive, social, emotional, language, and aesthetic domains.
- Intergrading Piikani language, history, and culture into education classroom.
- Utilizing technology and education terminology for engaging & enhancing children learning
- Creating an educational, play based, environment for teachers, students, families and children for the best opportunities of learning.

Students majoring in Early Childhood P3 Education are required to take the 34 credits in the General Core and 30 credits in Core 7 (below) for a **total of 64 Credits**. Students must maintain a 3.0 average in Early Childhood Education Core in transferring to four-year program

Core 7 - Early Childhood PK-3 grade		30 Credits Required
Course #	Course Title	Credits
ECP 101	CPR, AED & First Aid for Childcare Providers	1
EDEC 210	Meeting the Needs of Families	3
EDEC 220	Creating an Environment for Learning	3
EDEC 230	Positive Child Guidance & Management	4
EDEC 247*PSYX 230	Children & Adolescent Growth & Development (Core 5)	
EDEC 265	Leadership & Professionalism with Lab	4
EDU 202	Intro to Education Early Field Placement	3
EDU 231*LIT231	Literature and Literacy for Children (Core 6)	
EDU 222	Educational Psych Child Developmental	3
EDU 211	Culture and Families	3
EDU 270	Integrating Technology into Education	3
HEE 223	Personal, School, and Community Health Issues	3
NASX 109 *PSYX109	Piikani Art PK-8 (Core 2)	
Total Core 7 Credits To Be Completed		30