

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree Program Division of Education

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The AAS: Early Childhood Education degree prepares students with skills to work with children from birth through age eight in a learning environment which includes family, home and community. The students will have opportunities to interact with students, peers and professionals in an educational learning environment.

BCC provides a strong background for students seeking careers in a wide variety of settings including; child care, home and centers, Head Starts, preschools and other early childhood care facilities. This program is designed as a hands on training with classroom experience in areas such as; early intervention with children with special needs and preschool special education settings, child services and child-focused community agencies, state and federal agencies, and nonprofit settings that support children and families.

The courses are offered in a block schedule one class at a time from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Blackfeet Community College collaborates with University of Montana-Western in a “two plus two” partnership for transfer to their four-year distance learning programs.

The Learning Outcomes are as follows:

- Educational learning environment for age’s birth through 8 years old
- Effective instruction, planning and assessment
- Piikani language, history, and culture in early childhood education
- “Learning by doing”, student engagement, and learning from centers and play
- Physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development of children

Students majoring in Early Childhood Education Must complete the 24 Vocational General Core Credits and 36 Core 7 credits listed Below) Total of 60 Credits.

| CORE 7 – Early Childhood Education | | 36 Credits Required |
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| ECP 101 | CPR, AED & First Aid for Childcare Providers | 1 |
| EDEC 100 | CDA Child Development Associate | 3 |
| EDEC 210 | Meeting the Needs of Families with Lab | 3 |
| EDEC-220 | Creating an Environment for Learning with Lab | 3 |
| EDEC-230 | Positive Child Guidance & Management with Lab | 4 |
| EDEC 247 *PSYX 230 | Children & Adolescent Growth & Development (Core 5) | |
| EDEC 249 | Infant Toddler Development & Group Care | 4 |
| EDEC 265 | Leadership & Professionalism with Lab | 3 |
| EDEC 281 | Intro to Early Childhood Education Curriculum with Lab | 3 |
| EDEC 298 | Early Childhood Internship | 3 |
| EDU 211 | Cultures and Families | 3 |
| EDU 231 *LIT 231 | Literature and Literacy for Children (Core 6) | |
| HEE 223 | Personal, School, and Community Health Issues | 3 |
| NASX 109 * PSYX 109 | Piikani Art PK-8 | 3 |
| Total Core 8 Credits To Be Completed | | 36 |