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THE CAREER

Early child care workers and educators nurture and care for children ranging from newborns to age eight. They also supervise older children before and after school, playing an important role in their development by caring for them when parents are at work or away for other reasons.

Besides attending to children's basic needs, these professionals also organize activities and implement curricula that stimulate children's physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth. Early child care workers and educators help children explore individual interests, develop talents and independence, build self-esteem and learn how to get along with others. With sufficient experience, training and education, they are also often the directors of child care centers.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Early child care professionals should:

- Provide fair, but firm guidance
- Anticipate and prevent problems
- Be enthusiastic and constantly alert
- Communicate effectively with the children and their parents, as well as with teachers and other child care professionals
- Be mature, patient, understanding, articulate, energetic and have physical stamina

EMPLOYMENT & SALARY INFORMATION

In May 2014, median annual earnings of early child care workers were \$19,730 per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Salaries for these professionals ranged from less than \$16,570 (lowest 10 percent) to more than \$30,080 (highest 10 percent).

In 2014, the average annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of early child care professionals were:

Elementary & Secondary Schools	\$24,350
Child Day Care Services	\$20,270
Other Child Care Organizations	\$20,310

THE PROGRAM

The Associate of Applied Science degree in early childhood development includes coursework in general education plus an additional curriculum sequence in child development, educational strategies, technology and related academic disciplines. Students use state-of-the-art equipment and are instructed by faculty who have worked in the field.

Those completing the program are prepared to enter the workforce as trained early childhood educators. Moreover, employers know that graduates of the ECC program are well-trained and dependable.

Students may complete all of the Early Childhood Development program coursework online. This may not be possible, however, for all general education requirements.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some courses require minimum placement results)

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Associate of Applied Science degrees are designed for students seeking employment immediately upon graduation. Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this program, however, are also accepted as transfer credit by four-year colleges and/or universities.

Please note that transferring credit is decided solely by the bachelor degree-granting institution. Students are advised to contact the four-year school of their choice regarding transferability before beginning a program and/or reviewing other AAS or AA degrees offered through East Central College.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AAS program (61 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. Many of these courses are also part of the Certificate of Achievement program (CA). For the most current schedule or to view our Certificate Program, visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation or FS 1001 Foundation Seminar ^{CA}	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I ^{CA}	3
MT 1303 Intermediate Algebra or MT 1403 College Algebra	3
ED 1053 Foundations of Early Childhood Education ^{CA}	3
ED 1153 Child Health, Nutrition and Safety ^{CA}	3
ED 1073 Family, School & Community ^{CA}	3
EM 1000 Pediatric First Aid/CPR ^{CA}	0
Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
CT 1003 Oral Communications or CT 1103 Public Speaking ^{CA}	3
PY 1103 General Psychology ^{CA}	3
ED 1253 Child Development * ^{CA}	3
ED 1163 Speech and Language Development of the Normal and Exceptional Child ^{CA}	3
SO 2203 Marriage and Family ^{CA}	3
Total Hours	15

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
ED 2133 Literature for Children ^{CA}	3
ED 2013 Infant & Toddler Curriculum and Field Experience* ^{CA}	3
ED 2093 Preschool Curriculum and Field Experience * ^{CA}	3
ED 2083 The Nature of Language ^{CA} or ED 2113 Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Programs*	3
HI 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
PS 1000 History or Political Science Requirement	3
Total Hours	15

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
PY 2403 Human Development	3
ED 2053 Early Childhood Development Practicum *	3
ED 2153 Children with Special Needs* or ED 2143 Education for Exceptional Learners	3
ED 2193 Professionalism in EC Education * or ED 1303 CDA Capstone- Childcare Practicum ^{CA}	3
Science Requirement Lecture	3
Total Hours	15

* Grade must be "C" or better in this class in order to graduate.