

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Associate of Science

PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the UCC Early Childhood Education AS Degree program is to partner with our community to prepare high quality early childhood education providers to meet the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of a diverse population of children ages birth to five by offering opportunities for students to both learn theory and put theory and skills to practice in early childhood settings.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Education Associate of Science Degree program prepares students to work with young children from birth to kindergarten. The Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Development has been developed with the cooperation and support of Southern Oregon University (SOU). The degree is fully articulated with SOU's Early Childhood Development (ECD) program and allows students to transfer directly as juniors and be able to begin the ECD coursework at SOU with no loss of credits to pursue a bachelor's degree. Students completing the ECE Associate of Science degree will achieve Step 9 on the Oregon Registry Steps for the Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Development will be able to:

1. Create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments for young children based on knowledge of child development
2. Create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and involve all families in their student's development and learning
3. Develop and use effective and responsible assessment including observation, documentation and other appropriate tools in partnership with families and professional colleagues to promote positive outcomes for each child
4. Use a whole array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning
5. Design, implement and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every young child
6. Demonstrate behavior reflective of ethical guidelines and professional practices associated with early childhood careers

CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

Graduates of the ECE AS transfer degree program will learn specific skills and knowledge that are imperative in working with infants, toddlers, young children, and their families in a variety of early childhood education and care settings.

This degree is built specifically for students wanting to transfer to a four year university. Course work and practical work experience emphasize knowledge of the growth and development of young children, guidance skills, and curriculum planning that supports positive social/emotional, cognitive, mental, and physical development. These skills can be applied to multiple degree paths at four year universities. Our ECE AS transfer degree program focuses on seven crucial learning outcomes to help prepare students for courses and degrees in four year universities in a variety of career choices that work with young children and their families.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Year One

ECE 101	Seminar/Practicum I	4
ECE 102	Seminar/Practicum II	4
ECE 103	Seminar/Practicum III	4
ECE 140	Intro to ECE	2
ECE 150	Creative Activities	3
ECE 240	Lesson and Curriculum Planning	3
ECE 154	Lit and Lang for Children	3
HDFS 225	Child Development	3
HDFS 226	Infant/Todd Development	3
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Comp	4

Other General Education Requirements for University Transfer 12-16

Year Two

ECE 104	Seminar/Practicum IV	4
ECE 105	Seminar/Practicum V	4
ECE 106	Seminar/Practicum VI	4
ECE 178	Observing and Guiding Behavior	3
ECE 244	Individual Learning/PreSchool	3
ECE 247	Admin of Childcare Centers	3
HDFS 240	Cont. American Families	3
HDFS 228	The Exceptional Child	3
MTH 211	Fund of Elem Math I	4
MTH 212	Fund of Elem Math II	4

Other General Education Requirements for University Transfer 18-24

Total Credits 104

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirement

- Enrollment in Oregon Central Background Registry
- Verification of MMR vaccinations
- Food Handler's Certificate

Contact the intended university of transfer to determine appropriate general education requirements for transfer. The UCC Associates Degree is designed to transfer seamlessly to Southern Oregon University.