PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with all children from infancy through middle childhood in diverse, inclusive learning environments.

Throughout the Early Childhood Education program, students will gain knowledge and understanding of foundational theories of child growth, development, and learning, observation and assessment, planning, domains of development, guidance, and ways to effectively communicate with parents, children, and other professionals in the field. Learning opportunities and course assignments provide students with a strong foundation in evidenced-based and current principles to work with children, families, and the community. Students will show competency in the program by integrating learned theories with practice in early childhood settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Students who earn an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education will have opportunities to work in a variety of early childhood settings or potentially go further towards a Bachelor's degree in Child Development/Early Childhood or the Birth-Kindergarten Licensure. Students who wish to purse a Bachelor's beyond the AAS in Early Childhood should work with their advisor closely.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Associate Degree, students will be able to:

1. Use multidimensional knowledge on the developmental period of early childhood, individual uniqueness variations for each child, and development and learning in cultural contexts to make evidence-based decisions that support each child.
2. Use community resources to support children's learning and development while supporting families, building partnerships between early learning settings, schools, and community organizations and agencies.
3. Use screening and assessment tools in ways that are ethically grounded and developmentally, ability, culturally, and linguistically appropriate in order to document progress and promote positive outcomes for each child by building partnerships with families and professional colleagues.
4. Use a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically relevant, anti-bias, evidenced-based teaching skills and strategies that reflect principles of universal design for learning.
5. Modify teaching practices by applying, expanding, integrating, and updating their content knowledge in the disciplines, their knowledge of curriculum content resources, and their pedagogical content knowledge.
6. Use professional communication skills, including technology-mediated strategies, to effectively and ethically support young children's learning and development through reflective and intentional practice to work with families and colleagues.

The Early Childhood Education degree will transfer to other Colleges and Universities:

A55220TL – Transfer B-K Licensure Track and A55220NL – Transfer Non-Licensure Track will transfer to the 12 public universities that offer the Early Childhood or Child and Family Development bachelor's degrees.

Additionally, we have articulation agreements with three private colleges/universities: Barton College, Catawba College and Gardner-Webb University to their Early Childhood bachelor's degree programs.

A55220CR – Career Ready Track is a non-transfer degree program.

Please work closely with your advisor to make sure you are in the right track to meet your future goals.

Early Childhood Education Career Ready Track - A55220CR

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	17
Spring		**Credit Hours**
ART 111 or ART 115	Art Appreciation Art History Survey II	3
or MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3

EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	18
Summer		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	6
Second Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
ENG 112 or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines Professional Research & Reporting	3
EDU Elective[*]		6
	Credit Hours	14
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
EDU Elective[*]		9
	Credit Hours	16
	Total Credit Hours	71

Early Childhood Education Career Ready Track - Part-time Pathway

Term 1		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
	Credit Hours	8
Term 2		**Credit Hours**
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	9
Term 3		**Credit Hours**
ART 111 or MUS 110	Art Appreciation Music Appreciation	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 4		**Credit Hours**
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3

ENG 112 or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines Professional Research & Reporting	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 5		**Credit Hours**
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 6		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
EDU Elective[*]		3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 7		**Credit Hours**
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
	Credit Hours	5
Term 8		**Credit Hours**
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU Elective[*]		6
	Credit Hours	9
Term 9		**Credit Hours**
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
EDU Elective[*]		6
	Credit Hours	9
Term 10		**Credit Hours**
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	7
	Total Credit Hours	71

Early Childhood Education – Transfer B-K Licensure Track – A55220TL

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	17
Spring		**Credit Hours**

ART 111 or ART 115 or MUS 110	Art Appreciation Art History Survey II Music Appreciation	3
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	18
Summer		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	6
Second Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
BIO 110	Principles of Biology	4
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 250	Teacher Licensure Preparation	3
HIS 131 or HIS 132 or SOC 210	American History I American History II Introduction to Sociology	3
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 216	Foundations of Education	3
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
ENG 112 or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines Professional Research & Reporting	3
PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3
	Credit Hours	NaN
	Total Credit Hours	NaN

Early Childhood Education – Transfer B-K Licensure Track - Part-time Pathway

Term 1		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
	Credit Hours	8
Term 2		**Credit Hours**
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	9
Term 3		**Credit Hours**
ART 111 or MUS 110	Art Appreciation Music Appreciation	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 4		**Credit Hours**
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ENG 112 or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines Professional Research & Reporting	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 5		**Credit Hours**
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 6		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3
	Credit Hours	NaN
Term 7		**Credit Hours**
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 250	Teacher Licensure Preparation	3
	Credit Hours	8
Term 8		**Credit Hours**
BIO 111	General Biology I	4
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Credit Hours	7
Term 9		**Credit Hours**
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU 216	Foundations of Education	3
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
	Credit Hours	9
Term 10		**Credit Hours**
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	7
	Total Credit Hours	NaN

Early Childhood Education Transfer Non-Licensure Track - A55220NL

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	17
Spring		**Credit Hours**
ART 111 or ART 115 or MUS 110	Art Appreciation Art History Survey II Music Appreciation	3
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	18
Summer		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	6
Second Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
BIO 110	Principles of Biology	4
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3
HIS 131 or HIS 132 or SOC 210	American History I American History II Introduction to Sociology	3
	Credit Hours	15
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
ENG 112 or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines Professional Research & Reporting	3
PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3

	Credit Hours	NaN
	Total Credit Hours	NaN

Early Childhood Education Transfer Non-Licensure Track - Part-time Pathway

Term 1		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
	Credit Hours	8
Term 2		**Credit Hours**
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	9
Term 3		**Credit Hours**
ART 111￼ or MUS 110	Art Appreciation￼ Music Appreciation	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 4		**Credit Hours**
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ENG 112￼ or ENG 114	Writing and Research in the Disciplines￼ Professional Research & Reporting	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 5		**Credit Hours**
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3
	Credit Hours	6
Term 6		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3
PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3
	Credit Hours	NaN
Term 7		**Credit Hours**
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3
	Credit Hours	8
Term 8		**Credit Hours**
BIO 110	Principles of Biology	4
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Credit Hours	7

Term 9		Credit Hours
COM 231	Public Speaking	3
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
	Credit Hours	9
Term 10		**Credit Hours**
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	7
	Total Credit Hours	NaN

EDU Elective list

Courses		Credit Hours
EDU 149	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder	3
EDU 150	Building an Inclusive Classroom	3
EDU 154	Social/Emotion/Behavior Development	3
EDU 157	Active Play	3
EDU 222	Learners with Behavior Disorders	3
EDU 235	School-Age Development and Programs	3
EDU 259	Curriculum Planning	3
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3

Early Childhood Education Diploma – D55220

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
	Credit Hours	14
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	12
Summer		**Credit Hours**
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3

	Credit Hours	3
Second Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3
	Credit Hours	11
	Total Credit Hours	40

Early Childhood Education Special Education Certificate - C55220S

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 149	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder	3
	Credit Hours	9
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 150	Building an Inclusive Classroom	3
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
EDU 222	Learners with Behavior Disorders	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	18

Early Childhood Education School Age Certificate – C55220SA

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
	Credit Hours	9
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
EDU 157	Active Play	3
EDU 235	School-Age Development and Programs	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	18

Early Childhood Education Social/Emotional Development Certificate – C55220SE

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**

EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
	Credit Hours	9
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 154	Social/Emotion/Behavior Development	3
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	18

Early Childhood - Infant Toddler CDA Certificate - C55220IT

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
	Credit Hours	10
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 184	Early Childhood Introductory Practicum	2
	Credit Hours	8
	Total Credit Hours	18

Early Childhood Certificate Option – Infant/Toddler Care – C55290

Courses		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3
	Total Credit Hours	16

Early Childhood Infant/Toddler - CCP

Courses		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 144	Child Development I	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3

	Total Credit Hours	16

Early Childhood Administration Certificate – C55850

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3
	Credit Hours	7
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	16

Early Childhood Preschool Certificate – C55860

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
	Credit Hours	7
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	16

Early Childhood Preschool - CCP

First Year		
Fall		**Credit Hours**
EDU 119	Intro to Early Childhood Education	4
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3
	Credit Hours	7
Spring		**Credit Hours**
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDU 145	Child Development II	3
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	16