

## Associate of Applied Science Degree - Early Childhood Education

The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education is designed to meet the competencies required for the Birth through Pre-Kindergarten Teaching Credential which is required by Act 187 passed by the Arkansas Legislature during the 2009 session. This degree will allow a graduate to apply for the Birth through Pre-Kindergarten Teaching Credential from the Division of Early Care and Education of the Department of Human Services. It will allow the graduate to be the lead teacher in a non-public school classroom or in a Head Start classroom as they pursue a Bachelor's degree. The student will be qualified to serve as a para-professional in a public school pre-kindergarten classroom. It will not allow the graduate to be the lead teacher in a public school pre-kindergarten classroom.

### A.A.S. – Early Childhood Education (60 hours)

#### General Education Core

- ENG 1103 English Composition I
- ENG 1203 English Composition II
- MTH 1003 Technical Math or other college level math course
- BUS 1013 Introduction to Business
- SPC 1003 Oral Communication

#### Social Science Core (Choose one)

- PSY 1003 General Psychology
- SOC 2003 Principles of Sociology

#### Development Education Core

- ECE 1003 Foundations of Early Childhood Education
- ECE 1103 Child Growth and Development
- ECE1203 Environments for Young Children
- ECE 1303 Field Experience
- ECE 2303 Practicum
- EDU 2103 Introduction to K-12 Educational Technology

#### Teaching Credential Core

- ECE 2003 Child Guidance
- ECE 2103 Preschool Curriculum
- ECE 2203 Infant/Toddler Curriculum
- ECE 2923 Literacy and Language Arts for Early Childhood
- ECE 2943 Math and Science for Early Childhood
- ECE 2993 Future Perspectives of Early Childhood

#### Electives (Choose two of the following courses)

- ECE 2963 Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- ECE 2503 Program Administration
- ECE 2973 Special Needs

### Technical Certificate – Early Childhood Education (27 hours)

#### General Education Core

- ENG 1103 English Composition I
- MTH 1003 Technical Math or other college level math course

#### Development Education Core

- ECE 1003 Foundations of Early Childhood Education
- ECE 1103 Child Growth and Development
- ECE 2003 Child Guidance
- EDU 2103 Intro to K-12 Educational Technology
- ECE 1203 Environments for Young Children
- ECE 1303 Field Experience

#### Electives (Choose one of the following courses)

- ECE 2103 Preschool Curriculum or
- ECE 2973 Special Needs

### Certificate of Proficiency – Early Childhood Education (9 hours)

The Early Childhood Education Certificate of Proficiency provides performance-based training covering topics such as professionalism, child development and behavior, the learning environment, and program management designed to meet academic requirements established by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. UACCB's Early Childhood Education curriculum provides 135 hours of instruction to prepare students to earn CDA certification in order to work in childcare and family day care settings. If the student has completed 480 hours working in a preschool, the student is eligible to take ECE1303 Field Experience with the CDA block of courses. To be eligible for admission, applicants must submit proof of negative TB test.

#### Major Courses

- ECE 1003 Foundations of Early Childhood Education\*
- ECE 1103 Child Growth and Development\*
- ECE 1203 Environments for Young Children\*