

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

At COCC, the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program provides students who have an interest in early childhood, including the early primary elementary years, with a foundation in the theoretical, social, historical and legal aspects of early childhood programming. The COCC associate degree programs in early childhood education provide the foundational knowledge, field experiences and common skills and strategies to prepare students for multiple roles within the field of early childhood education.

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree prepares students with a strong emphasis in the theories, curriculum goals and developmentally appropriate teaching and guidance strategies necessary to lead an early childhood classroom program or work as a paraprofessional in the public schools.

PROGRAM COSTS

(beyond standard tuition/fees and textbooks)

Material Costs

- Background check (\$30-\$70)
- Cost of mileage to and from field placement/practicum sites

Enrollment Fees

- None

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirements

- Recommended:
 - Complete ED 140 Introduction to ECE before taking other Early Childhood Education courses.

Other Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - The ECE program requires a background check through the Oregon Employment Office-Child Care Division.
 - Some field placement sites may require documentation of current immunizations.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Additional Requirements

- Adhere to the field placement contract; and
- Adhere to confidentiality, health-related and no-smoking policies as they pertain to field placement settings
- Refer to the COCC Early Childhood Student Handbook at cocc.edu for an explanation of each of the above policies.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS**Core Courses**

ED 140	Introduction to ECE	4
ED 150	Enviro & Curric in ECE	4
ED 151	Observ & Guidance in ECE Learn	4
ED 152	Family, School, Com. Relations	3
ED 172	Language & Literacy in ECE	3
ED 173	Movement, Music & Arts in ECE	3
ED 174	Math, Science and Technology in Early Childhood Education	3
ED 219	Multicultural Issues in Education Settings	3-4
or ED 224	AntiBias Curric in Education	
ED 250	Advanced Curriculum Development & Teaching Methods in Early Childhood Education	4
ED 261	ECE Practicum I	6
& ED 262	ECE Practicum II	
ED 265	Children at Risk	3
ED 269	Exceptional Children in Early Childhood Education	3

Early Childhood Electives

Choose a minimum of 11 credits from the following list: 11

ED 141	Youth Mentoring & Advocacy	
ED 176	Supporting Social, Emotional and Mental Health in Early Childhood	
ED 216	Purpose, Structure and Function of Education in a Democracy	
ED 235	Teaching and Learning in a Digital Age	
ED 240	Learning through Play	
ED 245	Trauma Sensitive Classrooms	
ED 253	Learning Across the Lifespan	
ED 290	Eng Lang Dev in Prim Classroom	
GEOG 272	Geography for Teachers	

Other Required Courses

Discipline Studies (choose 2 courses)		6-10
ENG 221	Introduction to Children's Literature	3-4
or ED 112	Children's Lit & Curriculu	
FN 225	Human Nutrition ¹	3-4
or HHP 266	Nutrition for Health	
MTH 060	Algebra I (or higher)	4
PSY 201	Mind and Brain	4
PSY 215	Developmental Psychology	4
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology	4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122	Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition	4
or WR 227	Technical Writing	

Total Credits 90-97

¹ Students who may eventually complete a bachelor's degree should take FN 225.

ADVISING NOTES

This degree is designed for students planning to enter their chosen career upon graduation. Often, only selected credits are considered transferable to public or private baccalaureate institutions.

COCC's ECE program works closely with four year programs to prepare students for transfer opportunities in early learning, elementary education, and human service-related programs. In addition to working closely with programs, including OSU-C, and George Fox, the AAS degree is fully articulated with Southern Oregon University's Early Childhood Development program and allows students to transfer directly as juniors and to become admitted into the Early Childhood Development program at Southern Oregon University (SOU) with no loss of credits to pursue a bachelor's degree. The program offers an excellent balance of early childhood and general education courses that support advanced study in the field of early childhood development.

Students should contact the SOU School of Education early in the beginning of their AAS in Early Childhood Education program to be advised about additional requirements and procedures for admission to the school or program. Students should be aware that if they transfer

before completing this degree, their courses will be evaluated individually toward the general education requirements in effect at SOU. For more information, visit sou.edu and search "COCC" to access the articulation agreement.

Students wishing to use the AAS in ECE as a foundation for future licensure in K-12 classrooms should work closely with academic advisors in the education program to ensure appropriate transfer preparation.