



**South Central College
Program Design**

AAS 3523/2518 Early Childhood Education

Program Information

Instructional Level Associate Degree

Career Cluster Human Services

Description

The Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree is designed to prepare individuals for employment in a variety of early childhood and educational settings as early childhood teachers, family child care providers, nannies, directors or site coordinators, and paraprofessionals within a school system.

Education for early childhood licensure is provided by South Central College according to the Minnesota Department of Human Services educational requirements. Students learn about child growth and development, positive child guidance strategies, providing safe environments, maintaining children's health, enhancing literacy, cultural sensitivity, children's mental health, special education, and best practices for promoting developmentally appropriate learning experiences for young children.

Background Check Requirements

A DHS background check will need to be conducted prior to starting ECE 2510 Internship.

Grade Policy

A grade lower than a C may not be accepted by the receiving institution in transfer.

Program Admission Dates (Fall and/or Spring)

Fall and Spring

Program Location (North Mankato and/or Faribault)

North Mankato and Faribault

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1 Explore the physical, social, emotional, language, cognitive, and creative development of young children from birth through age eight
- 2 Demonstrate strategies for developing an appropriate learning environment
- 3 Apply guidance and management techniques to accommodate the developmental characteristics of young children birth through age eight
- 4 Demonstrate the ability to use assessment results to identify needs, learning styles and to plan appropriate programs, environments, learning experiences in order to successfully interact with children, families and the community
- 5 Understand how a child's development influences learning and demonstrate how to plan and

implement age and developmentally appropriate learning experiences

- 6 Identify and implement techniques of collaboration with parents, colleagues, children and community services

Program Configurations

Fall Start

Credits

Technical Course	45
Liberal Arts & Sciences	9
Arts & Sciences	6
Total Credits	60

Semester One

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	Technical Course
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	Technical Course
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	Technical Course
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	Technical Course
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	Technical Course

Semester Two

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	Technical Course
ECE 2520	Children with Challenging Behaviors	3	Technical Course
ECE 2560	Introduction to Language and Literacy	3	Technical Course
LAS Required	English OR Communications	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Semester Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	Technical Course
ECE 2530	Curriculum Planning	3	Technical Course
ECE 2550	Cognitive Development	3	Technical Course
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	Technical Course
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	Technical Course

Semester Four

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 2510	ECE Internship	3	Technical Course
ECE 2310	Introduction to Special Education	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
LAS Required	Psychology OR Sociology	3	Arts & Sciences
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Arts & Sciences

Spring Start

Credits

Technical Course	42
Arts & Sciences	9
Elective	6

Total Credits	57
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Semester One

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	Technical Course
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	Technical Course
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	Technical Course
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	Technical Course
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	Technical Course

Semester Two

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	Technical Course
ECE 2550	Cognitive Development	3	Technical Course
LAS Required	English OR Communications	3	Arts & Sciences
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Arts & Sciences

Semester Three

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 2520	Children with Challenging Behaviors	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Elective

LAS Required	Psychology OR Sociology	3	Arts & Sciences
ECE 2560	Introduction to Language and Literacy	3	Technical Course
ECE 2310	Introduction to Special Education	3	

Semester Four

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	Technical Course
ECE 2510	ECE Internship	3	Technical Course
ECE 2530	Curriculum Planning	3	Technical Course
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	Elective
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	Technical Course

Program Course List

Number	Title	Credits	Pre/Corequisites
LAS Elective	MNTC Course	3	
LAS Required	English OR Communications	3	
LAS Required	Psychology OR Sociology	3	
ECE 1205	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	None
ECE 1210	Child Growth and Development	3	None
ECE 1220	Health, Wellness and Nutrition	3	None
ECE 1230	Behavior Guidance	3	None
ECE 1240	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	None
ECE 1270	Creative Activities and Environments	3	None
ECE 1310	Infant/Toddler Development and Learning Experiences	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2310	Introduction to Special Education	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2510	ECE Internship	3	Instructor approval
ECE 2530	Curriculum Planning	3	ECE 1270
ECE 2550	Cognitive Development	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2560	Introduction to Language and Literacy	3	ECE 1210
ECE 2580	Observation and Assessment	3	ECE 1210 and ECE 1230
ECE 2590	Introduction to Children's Mental Health	3	ECE 1210 and ECE 1230