

Early Childhood Education

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Why Early Childhood Education?

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education provides the foundation for advanced study at colleges and universities in early childhood education. The curriculum is aligned with the AAS degree teacher preparation standards issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council for Professional Recognition (CDA). Students will plan and implement quality, developmentally appropriate early learning programs for children ages 0-8 in support of physical, cognitive, and social emotional growth and development. Graduates of the associate degree program meet the educational requirements for child care center program directors as required by the Michigan Child Care Center Licensing Regulations. The AAS Degree requirements include 4 semesters/300 hours of practicum field experience in a variety of early childhood settings. A one-year, 30 credit certificate, with 90 hours of practicum field experience is also available, and a transfer degree for students wishing to further their early childhood studies.

Why Bay College?

The [Early Childhood Education program](#) at Bay College offers a mix of online only and hybrid courses, making it accessible for students from across the UP. We offer both a 1-year (2 semesters) Certificate in Early Childhood Education and a 2-year (4 semesters) AAS Degree. In addition, we have an articulation agreement with LSSU making it possible for students to seamlessly transition into a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education; taking classes either online or right on Bay's Main Campus.

Career Opportunities

This degree program prepares students to work in a variety of early childhood care and education programs such as:

- **Lead Teacher**
- **Associate Teacher**
- **Home Child Care Provider**
- **Home Visitor**
- **Program Director**
- **Infant-Toddler Teacher**

Accreditation

The Early Childhood Education AAS Degree Program at Bay College is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1313 L Street, NW, #500, Washington, DC 20005. 202-232-8777. The accreditation term runs from July 2019 through July 2021.

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Early Childhood Education, AAS

Award Granted Upon Completion: Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
Credits/Contacts Required: 60/61

Major code: 03/335
CIP Code: 190708

General Education Requirements (Min. 15 Credits)

Course #	Course Name	Cr
ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition	3
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCY 208	Sociology of Marriage & the Family	3
COMM 103	Interpersonal Communication	3

Math or Science Elective *

Course #	Course Name	Cr
BUSN 177	Mathematics of Business	3 or
MATH 107	Liberal Arts Mathematics	4 or
BIOL 107	Environmental Science	3 and
BIOL 108	Environmental Science Lab	1 or
BIOL 104	Human Biology	4

Requirements (Min. 45 Credits)

Course #	Course Name	Cr
CHLD 101	Foundations in Early Childhood Care and Education	3
CHLD 103	Child Development (Ages 3-8)	3**
CHLD 110	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for Early Childhood	3
CHLD 120	Child Guidance	3
CHLD 125	Infant/Toddler Development and Programming	3**
CHLD 132	Curriculum Development and Assessment I	5**
CHLD 150	Ethics and Equity in Early Childhood	1
CHLD 160	Introduction to Assessment in Early Childhood	1
CHLD 170	School Age Care	2
CHLD 202	Exceptional Children in Early Childhood	3**
CHLD 232	Curriculum Development and Assessment II	5**
CHLD 240	Administration in Early Childhood Programs	3
CHLD 272	Capstone in Early Childhood Education	6**
HLTH 147	First Aid/Heartsaver for Non-Healthcare Providers	1
SOCY 103	Cultural Diversity	3

Suggested Sequences Per Semester

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
CHLD 101	Foundations in Early Childhood Care and Education	3
CHLD 103	Child Development (Ages 3-8)	3
CHLD 120	Child Guidance	3
CHLD 150	Ethics and Equity in Early Childhood	1
ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition	3
SOCY 103	Cultural Diversity	3

First Semester Total - Credit(s): 16 | Contacts: 16

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
CHLD 110	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for Early Childhood	3
CHLD 125	Infant/Toddler Development and Programming	3**
CHLD 132	Curriculum Development and Assessment I	5**
CHLD 160	Introduction to Assessment in Early Childhood	1
CHLD 170	School Age Care	2

Second Semester Total - Credit(s): 14 | Contacts: 14

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
CHLD 202	Exceptional Children in Early Childhood	3**
CHLD 232	Curriculum Development and Assessment II	5**
HLTH 147	First Aid/Heartsaver for Non-Healthcare Providers	1
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCY 208	Sociology of Marriage & the Family	3

Third Semester Total - Credit(s): 15 | Contacts: 15

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
XXXX xxx	Math/Science Elective	3-4/3-5
CHLD 240	Administration in Early Childhood Programs	3
CHLD 272	Capstone in Early Childhood Education	6**
COMM 103	Interpersonal Communication	3

Fourth Semester Total - Credit(s): 15-16 | Contacts: 15-17

Note(s)

* Those who plan to transfer should take MATH 107 or BIOL 104.

+ Courses that require observation and practicum require a TB test, criminal history check and DHHS clearance. Forms are found on Bay's website, Early Childhood Education link.