

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The early childhood education concentration offers the choice of a diploma or an associate of arts degree and is designed for students to continue their education at a four-year college to earn a bachelor's degree in early childhood, early childhood unified education, or elementary education with an endorsement in early childhood. In addition to lecture classes, students gain experience by working in child care centers in Norfolk. The early childhood education concentration is designed to prepare students for leadership positions in small or large child care centers, preschools, Head Start programs, or summer day camps. It also prepares students for careers as a paraprofessional, nanny, and child care provider in a family child care home.

Child care providers require a criminal background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit to a background check prior to enrolling in early childhood education practicum courses. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment. Please check with your advisor.

Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Arts Degree (2 years)

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1050 Expressive Arts.....	3	
ECED 1150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3	
ECED 1110 Infant/Toddler Development.....	3	
ECED 1220 Pre-Practicum.....	1	
ENGL 1010 English Composition I.....	3	
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology.....	3	
	<u>16</u>	

Second Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1060 Observation, Assessment and Guidance.....	3	
ECED 1120 Preschool Child Development.....	2	
ECED 1221 Infant/Toddler Practicum.....	2	
ECED 1230 School Age Development.....	2	
MATH 1010 Math for Elementary Teachers.....	3	
English/Literature*.....	3	
	<u>15</u>	

SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1160 Early Language and Literacy.....	3	
ECED 1240 Preschool/School-Age Practicum.....	2	
ECED 2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	3	
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness.....	3	
History*.....	3	
Natural Science*.....	4-5	
	<u>18-19</u>	

Second Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 2050 Children with Exceptionalities.....	3	
ECED 2070 Family and Community Relationships.....	3	
ECED 2500 Early Childhood Administration.....	2.5	
HLTH 1730 Pediatric Basic Life Support and First Aid.....	0.5	
Fine/Performing Arts*.....	3	
Oral Communication*.....	3	
Social Science*.....	3	
	<u>18</u>	

Total Credit Hours 67-68

To earn an associate of arts degree, a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 60 semester hours that include the general education requirements listed on page 37 of this catalog.

NOTE: Sixty credit hours (which must include at least one professional education course that deals with children, schools or education) and evidence of Human Relations training (verified through documentation of relevant work experience or Human Relations coursework taken from a four-year institution) will meet the requirements to apply for local substitute teaching certification from the Nebraska Department of Education. Check online at www.nde.state.ne.us for more information.

* See general education requirements on page 37.

Required Program of Study for Diploma

First Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1050 Expressive Arts.....	3	
ECED 1150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3	
ECED 1110 Infant/Toddler Development.....	3	
ECED 1220 Pre-Practicum.....	1	
Oral Communication*.....	3	
	<u>13</u>	

Second Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1060 Observation, Assessment and Guidance.....	3	
ECED 1120 Preschool Child Development.....	2	
ECED 1221 Infant/Toddler Practicum.....	2	
ECED 1230 School Age Development.....	2	
ECED 2070 Family and Community Relationships.....	3	
HLTH 1730 Pediatric Basic Life Support and First Aid.....	0.5	
	<u>12.5</u>	

Third Semester		Credits
Course		
ECED 1160 Early Language and Literacy.....	3	
ECED 1240 Preschool/School-Age Practicum.....	2	
ECED 2050 Children with Exceptionalities.....	3	
ECED 2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	3	
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness.....	3	
	<u>14</u>	

Total Credit Hours 39.5

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