

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AAS)

(94-95 credits)

Program Description

Do you want to be an exceptional teacher for children? By studying Early Childhood Education at SPSCC, you will be a part of a diverse group of students who want to be part of teaching children between ages birth and 8. You will work with professors and teachers who are long-time and current practitioners of early childhood care in classes that are rooted both in theory and in practical, real-world experience.

The Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science Degree is designed to provide persons interested in working with children a systematic study of the care, development and education of children from birth to age eight. Students gain the knowledge and competency necessary for a professional career working with young children.

Career Opportunities

Graduates with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education can qualify for positions as preschool teacher, child care director, child care program supervisor, child care provider, non-certified early childhood teacher, or elementary school classroom aide. Graduates may be employed by child care centers, cooperative preschools, family child care homes, parks and recreation departments, private preschools, public schools and state and federally funded preschools.

- Child, Family, and School Social Worker
- Education and Childcare Administrator
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Childcare Worker

Program Information

The Early Childhood Education AAS degree can be completed in three years attending evenings only or in two years with a combination of day and evening courses. The majority of ECED and EDUC courses meet in the evening. Practicums (ECED& 120 Practicum-Nurturing Relationship, ECED 205 Practicum II and ECED 250 Practicum III) require daytime hours. Many ECED and EDUC courses require observation hours in addition to class time. See course outlines for details. Students can enter the program any quarter but are strongly encouraged to meet with an ECE faculty for detailed information necessary for planning their degree. Contact (360) 596-5387 for advising day information.

1. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should work closely with an advisor to ensure maximum transfer of credits.
2. ECED& 107 Health/Safety/Nutrition requires CPR/First Aid and a Food Handlers Cards be obtained while taking this class.

3. To successfully complete the practicum experiences in ECED& 120 Practicum-Nurturing Relationship, ECED 205 Practicum II and ECED 250 Practicum III, students will volunteer in a Head Start, school or child care center which will require a Department of Early Learning portable background check and requires a tuberculosis test.
4. ECED/EDUC courses may be taken in any order, except ECED 205 Practicum II, ECED 250 Practicum III and ECED 238 Professionalism. It is recommended but not necessary to take ECED& 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education first. It is recommended but not necessary to get the ECE stackable certificates while obtaining your ECE degree.
5. Grades of "C" or better must be obtained in all courses with an EDUC or ECED prefix to apply to the ECE degree or certificates.
6. It is possible to receive up to 12 credits toward the degree for students having a Child Development Associate (C.D.A.) credential. See advisor for details.
7. An alternative pathway is the Associate in Applied Science (AAS-T) degree which can be used to transfer to many four year colleges and universities.

Outcomes

South Puget Sound Community College believes that all students need to develop a broad range of abilities that will not only make them more effective in their professional pursuits but will enhance their capacity to relate well to others in their daily lives.

At the completion for the Early Childhood Education Program, the successful student will be able to:

- Critically thinking in order to analyze, evaluate and solve problems using multiple methodologies
- Having multicultural awareness thru exhibiting an understanding of the ways economic, political, social, and culture factors impact identity and interactions
- Computation through identification, understanding and communicating the differences between quantitative and qualitative data and be able to explain results
- Demonstrating ethics through identifying complex ethical issues and recognizing and evaluating interrelationships of related issues
- Communicating effectively through written and verbal communications skills

The SPSCC college-wide abilities are embedded into each program:

- Effective Communication
- Information Literacy
- Analytical Reasoning
- Multicultural Awareness
- Social Responsibility

Students will also demonstrate an understanding of the key elements of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation (www.naeyc.org) and the Washington State Department of Early Learning Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals (www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023) (https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023/)

Courses by Quarter

Code	Title	Credits
Quarter 1		
Transition Studies		
Quarter 2		
MATH 092 or ABE 065	Mathematical Reasoning ¹ Contextualized Math II	5
ENGL 090 or ENGL 095	Integrated Reading and Writing I Integrated Reading and Writing II	5
Quarter 3		
ECED& 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	5
ECED& 107	Health/Safety/Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationship	2
CCS 101	Pathways to Success	3
Quarter 4		
ENGL 098 or ENGL& 101	Transitional English Composition English Composition I	5
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3
ECED 145	Fine Arts Curriculum for Young Children	3
Quarter 5		
MATH 101 or CMATH 107	Technical Mathematics I Clippers Math In Society	5
ECED& 190	Observation/Assessment	3
ECED& 170	Environments-Young Child	3
Select one of the following:		
PSYC 116	Psychology of Human Relations: Diversity	5
HUM 121	Multicultural America: Diversity	5
CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication: Diversity	5
CMST& 230	Small Group Communication: Diversity	5
CMST& 240	Intercultural Communication: Diversity	5
Quarter 6		
EDUC& 204	Inclusive Education	5
EDUC& 150	Child/Family/Community	3
ECED& 180	Lang/Literacy Develop	3
EDUC 240	Diversity In Education: Diversity	5
Quarter 7		
ECED 205	Practicum II	3
ECED 141	Math and Science Curriculum for Young Children	3
ECED& 160	Curriculum Development	5
Specified Electives Course (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)		
Quarter 8		
ECED 250	Practicum III	4
ECED 238	Professionalism	3
Select one of the following:		
CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication: Diversity	5
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5
CMST& 230	Small Group Communication: Diversity	5

CMST& 240 Intercultural Communication: Diversity
Specified Electives Course (<https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/>) 3-5

Quarter 9
Specified Electives Course (<https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/>) 3-5

¹ ABE 065 / MATH 092 only needed if a student will take CMATH 107 / MATH& 107

Pathway Maps

South Puget Sound Community College has provided pathways and associated recommended courses for ease of student selection based upon a student's career interest. Please review the pathway maps for required and recommended courses.

Early Childhood Ed Pathway Map
Associate in Applied Science
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Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 5	Qtr. 6	Qtr. 7	Qtr. 8	Qtr. 9
Transition Studies	Choose One: MATH 092 (Scr) Mathematical Reasoning or ABE 065 Contextualized Math II	ECED& 105 (Scr) Introduction to Early Childhood Education	ENGL 098 (Scr) Transitional English Composition or ENGL& 101 (Scr) English Composition I	Choose One (Scr): (Computer) ** MATH 101 Technical Mathematics I OR CMATH 107 Math In Society	EDUC& 204 (Scr) Inclusive Education	ECED 205 (Scr) Practicum II	ECED 200 (Scr) Practicum III	Choose One (3-Scr): (Program Electives) Required ECED& 100 (Scr) Child Care Basics ECED& 132 (Scr) Infants/Toddlers Care ECED& 134 (Scr) Family Child Care ECED& 138 (Scr) Home Visiting and Family Engagement ECED& 139 (Scr) Administrative Early Learning Program ECED 275 (Scr) Current Issues in Brain Development EDUC& 136 (Scr) School Age Care SOC 225 (Scr) Sociology of the Family: Diversity PSYC& 200 (Scr) Lifespan Psychology
		ECED& 107 (Scr) Health/Safety/Nutrition	EDUC& 115 (Scr) Child Development	ECED& 190 (Scr) Observation/Assessment	EDUC& 150 (Scr) Child/Family/Community	ECED 141 (Scr) Math and Science Curriculum for Young Children	ECED 238 (Scr) Professionalism	

ENGL 090 (Scr) Integrated Reading and Writing I or ENGL 095 (Scr) Integrated Reading and Writing II	ECED& 120 (Scr) Practicum - Nurturing Relationship	EDUC 130 (Scr) Guiding Behavior	ECED& 170 (Scr) Environments - Young Child	EDUC& 180 (Scr) Lang/Literacy Develop	ECED& 160 (Scr) Curriculum Development	Choose One (Scr): (Additional Communication) Recommended CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication: Diversity CMST& 220 Public Speaking CMST& 230 Small Group Communication: Diversity CMST 240 Intercultural Communication: Diversity
CCS 101 (Scr) Pathways to Success	ECED 145 (Scr) Fine Arts Curriculum for Young Children	Choose One (Scr): (Human Relations) Recommended PSYC 116 (Scr) Psychology of Human Relations: Diversity HUM 121 (Scr) Multicultural America: Diversity CMST& 210 (Scr) Interpersonal Communication: Diversity CMST& 230 (Scr) Small Group Communication: Diversity CMST 240 (Scr) Intercultural Communication: Diversity	EDUC 240 (Scr) Diversity in Education: Diversity	Choose One (3-Scr): (Program Electives) Required ECED& 100 (Scr) Child Care Basics ECED& 132 (Scr) Infants/Toddlers Care ECED& 134 (Scr) Family Child Care ECED& 138 (Scr) Home Visiting and Family Engagement ECED& 139 (Scr) Administrative Early Learning Program ECED 275 (Scr) Current Issues in Brain Development EDUC& 136 (Scr) School Age Care SOC 225 (Scr) Sociology of the Family: Diversity PSYC& 200 (Scr) Lifespan Psychology	Choose One (3-Scr): (Program Electives) Required ECED& 100 (Scr) Child Care Basics ECED& 132 (Scr) Infants/Toddlers Care ECED& 134 (Scr) Family Child Care ECED& 138 (Scr) Home Visiting and Family Engagement ECED& 139 (Scr) Administrative Early Learning Program ECED 275 (Scr) Current Issues in Brain Development EDUC& 136 (Scr) School Age Care SOC 225 (Scr) Sociology of the Family: Diversity PSYC& 200 (Scr) Lifespan Psychology	