**Early Childhood Education, AS**

This program is designed to prepare students who want to work with young children in a variety of public or private programs as well as those who are already employed in early childhood settings. Students in this program are provided with comprehensive courses that are focused on children from birth through age eight. The study of research and theory is blended with many opportunities for hands-on experiences.

Students who wish to earn a National Child Development Associate (CDA) credential may complete the necessary coursework as part of this degree

**Program Highlights:**

The AS in Early Childhood Education degree program equips students to become reflective, transformative, and successful educators of the very young. Students will apply theory to practice in order to understand the relationships between children, families, and communities in a diverse world. Students who wish to earn a National Child Development Associate (CDA) credential may complete the necessary coursework as part of this degree. Students seeking the Florida Director’s credential may take the state-approved course, Administration of a Child Care Center. Courses are offered for full-time and part-time students, with blended and online courses where applicable.

**Admission Requirements:**

Students must fulfill the entrance requirements for Edison State College.

**Degree Requirements: 63 credit hours**

**General Education Core Requirements: minimum of 18 credit hours**

**Communication- 6 credit hours**

ENC 1101 - Composition I -- 3 credits

and

(SPC 1017 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication -- 3 credits

or

SPC 2023 - Introduction to Public Speaking -- 3 credits)

**Humanities- 3 credit hours (refer to the Associate in Arts Degree General Education Program Guide, AA)**

**Social Sciences- 3 credit hours**

One WOH writing intensive course (Part A) - **(refer to the Associate in Arts Degree General Education Program Guide, AA)**

**Mathematics- 3 credit hours (refer to the Associate in Arts Degree General Education Program Guide, AA)**

Any general education mathematics course

**Natural Sciences- 3 credit hours (refer to the Associate in Arts Degree General Education Program Guide, AA)**

**Early Childhood Education Core Requirements (36 credit hours)**

CHD 1134 – Management of Early Childhood Learning -- 3 credits

CHD 1135 - Understanding Young Children-- 3 credits

CHD 1220 Introduction to Child Development -- 3 credits

CHD 1332 Creative Experiences for the Young Child -- 3 credits

CHD 2324 Early Childhood Language Arts & Reading--3credits

EEC 1000 Foundations in Early Childhood Education--3credits

EEC 1202 Principles of Early Childhood Curriculum -- 3credits

EEC 1603 Positive Guidance and Behavior Management -- 3credits

EEC 1946 Early Childhood Practicum -- 3credits

EEC 1947 Early Childhood Practicum II -- 3credits

EEX 1013 Special Needs in Early Childhood Education -- 3 credits

HSC 1421 Health, Safety and Nutrition for the Young Child --3 credits

**Early Childhood Education Core Electives (Choose 3) (9 credit hours)**

CHD 1120 Infant/Toddler Development -- 3 credits

DEP 2004 Human Growth and Development -- 3 credits

EEC 2521 Administration of a Child Care Center -- 3 credits

\*EME 2040 Introduction to Technology for Educators -- 3 credits

\*EDF 2005 Introduction to the Teaching Profession --3 credits

\*EDF2085 Introduction to Diversity for Educators --3 credits

\*Courses required for students who wish to enroll in a baccalaureate in education degree program

**Total Credit Hours: 63**

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