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| |  | | --- | | **Early Childhood Education, AS** | |  |   Return to {$returnto_text} Return to: [Programs of Study](http://catalog.fsw.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1177)  **Purpose**  The Associate in Science (AS) in Early Childhood Education prepares students for immediate employment educating children from birth through age eight years in a variety of settings, as well as transfer to specific baccalaureate programs in the Florida College System. Students in this program participate in comprehensive courses that are centered on the development of children from birth through age eight years. Completion of the A.S. qualifies students to serve as the Lead Teacher in childcare settings and Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, and as paraprofessional educators within school districts.  Courses in Early Childhood Education equip students to become reflective and transformative educators. An emphasis on relationships between children, families, and communities in our diverse world is central to the framework of our courses and experiences. The opportunity to build a foundation of practical experience with young children in a variety of educational settings allows our students to be well prepared to enter the work force. Our students get to practice what they learn, and learn from the teachers in the field. Our faculty all have extensive experience and education in Early Childhood Education to teach in a way that complements students' field experience. Students are supported in completing their courses on a full-time or part-time basis. All courses are available online, and some are also offered in a blend of face to face and online formats. This allows flexibility, convenience, and high-quality experiences for our students. Service learning and professional advocacy are also important elements of development for the educators we graduate.  Students pursuing the AS in Early Childhood Education may also earn College Credit Certificates related to their programs of study:   * Preschool Specialization CCC (12 credits) * Inclusion Specialization CCC (12 credits) * Child Development Specialization CCC (36 credits)   **Course Prerequisites**  Many courses require prerequisites. Check the description of each course in the list below for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it.  **Graduation Requirements**  Students must fulfill all requirements of their program to be eligible for graduation. Students must indicate their intention to attend commencement ceremony by completing the Commencement Form by the published deadline.  To meet degree completion requirements for the AS in Early Childhood Education, students must earn a “C” or better in all Program Requirements and Elective courses (including those with the following prefixes: CHD, DEP, EEC, EEX, EDF, EME, and HSC). |
| **General Education Requirements: 18 Credit Hours**   * [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** * [SPC 1017 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **OR**  [SPC 2608 - Introduction to Public Speaking](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   * General Education Core Social Sciences (Students required by F.A.C. 6A-10.02413 to demonstrate Civic Literacy should take AMH 2020 or POS 2041) **3 credits** * General Education Core Mathematics **3 credits** * General Education Core Humanities**3 credits** * General Education Core Natural Sciences **3 credits**     **Program Requirements: 36 Credit Hours**   * [CHD 1134 - Management of Early Childhood Learning](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits (CDA/FCCPC eligible course)**   **5-hour field experience**   * [CHD 1135 - Understanding Young Children](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits (CDA/FCCPC eligible course)**   **15-hour field experience**   * [CHD 1220 - Introduction to Child Development](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **15-hour field experience**   * [CHD 1332 - Creative Experiences for the Young Child](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **5-hour field experience**   * [CHD 2324 - Early Childhood Language Arts and Reading](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **10-hour field experience**   * [EEC 1000 - Foundations in Early Childhood Education](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits (CDA/FCCPC eligible course)** * [EEC 1202 - Principles of Early Childhood Curriculum](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **10-hour field experience**   * [EEC 1603 - Positive Guidance and Behavior Management](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **10-hour field experience**   * [EEC 1946 - Early Childhood Practicum I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **35-hour field experience**   * [EEC 1947 - Early Childhood Practicum II](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **35-hour field experience**   * [EEX 1013 - Special Needs in Early Childhood Education](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **10-hour field experience**   * [HSC 1421 - Health, Safety, and Nutrition for the Young Child](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits**   **5-hour field experience**    **Electives: 6 Credit Hours**  **Choose two (2) of the following courses:**   * [CHD 1120 - Infant/Toddler Development](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** * [DEP 2004 - Lifespan Development](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** * [EEC 2521 - Administration of a Child Care Center](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits (Director Credential Course)** * [EME 2040 - Introduction to Technology for Educators](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** 2 * [EDF 2005 - Introduction to the Teaching Profession](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** 1   **15-hour field experience**   * [EDF 2085 - Introduction to Diversity for Educators - (I)](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=1348&returnto=1177) **3 credits** 2   **5-hour field experience**  1 Course required for students who wish to enroll in a Baccalaureate in Education degree program  2 Courses required to graduate with a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Elementary Education    **Field Experience Requirement**  Approximately 85 hours completed in conjunction with Early Childhood Education courses, and 70 hours across two practica.  **Total Degree Requirements: 60 Credit Hours**  **Additional information is available online at** [**www.fsw.edu/academics/**](http://www.fsw.edu/academics/) **or on the School of Education Home Page at** [**www.fsw.edu/soe**](http://www.fsw.edu/soe).    [AS in Early Childhood Education Coursework Sequence Sheets](https://www.fsw.edu/assets/pdf/soe/EarlyChildhoodEdScopeandSequence2017-2018.pdf) |

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