

Walla Walla Community College

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education prepares students to enter the child care and early learning field as highly skilled professionals who can immediately contribute to the development and growth of a child.

This guide lists all courses required for completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. The actual order and specific coursework may vary depending on student placement, start date, and quarter. Please check with your advisor prior to any substitutions. Students must earn a C or higher in all Early Childhood Education core courses.

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES **23 credits**

First Year Experience **3 credits**

AFYE 100 Applied First Year Experience* (3)

**AFYE 100 is required for all students with less than 30 college credits.*

Written Communications (W) **5 credits**

ENGL& 101 English Composition (5)

Communications (O) *(Choose One)* **5 credits**

CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communications (5)

CMST& 220 Public Speaking (5)

Human Relations (R) **5 credits**

PSYC& 100 General Psychology (5)

Computation/Mathematics (M) *(Choose One)* **5 credits**

AMATH 105 Intro to Quant Problem Solving (5)

BUS 112 Business Math (5)

MATH& 107 Math in Society (5)

REQUIRED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COURSES**71 credits**

ECED& 105	Intro Early Childhood Education	(5)
ECED& 107	Health/Safety/Nutrition	(5)
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Rel ⁽²⁾	(2)
EDUC& 115	Child Development	(5)
EDUC&130	Guiding Behavior	(3)
ECED& 132	Infant/Toddler Care	(3)
EDUC& 136	School Age Care ⁽¹⁾	(3)
	<i>Or ECED& 134 Family Child Care⁽¹⁾</i>	
ECED& 139	Administration of ECE ⁽¹⁾	(3)
EDUC& 150	Child/Family/Community	(3)
ECED& 160	Curriculum Development	(5)
ECED& 170	Learning Environments	(3)
ECED& 180	Language/Literacy Development	(3)
ECED& 190	Observation/Assessment	(3)
EDUC& 203	Exceptional Child ⁽¹⁾	(3)
ECE 150	Math & Science for Early Childhood	(5)
ECE 191	Cooperative Work Experience I ⁽²⁾	(3)
ECE 291	Cooperative Work Experience II ⁽²⁾	(3)
ECE 232	The Arts in Early Childhood	(5)
ECE 255	Children at Risk	(3)
ECE 239	Teaching Young Children–CAPSTONE ⁽³⁾	(3)

94 credits Total

State ECE Initial Certificate (12 credits) is available upon completion of the following courses:

- ECED& 105 Intro Early Childhood Education
- ECED& 107 Health/Safety/Nutrition
- ECED& 120 Practicum-Nurturing Relationships

State ECE Short Certificate of Specialization (20 credits) is available upon completion of the Initial ECE Certificate and 8 credits of specialized instruction.

State ECE Certificate (47 credits) is available upon completion of the State ECE Initial Certificate, State ECE Short Certificate of Specialization and 27 credits of specialized instruction.

⁽¹⁾ Indicates courses only available online, not available on campus at WWCC.

⁽²⁾ Indicates a minimum of 220 hours of field experience is required for the degree (8 credits total):

- ECED& 120 Practicum: Nurturing Relationships
- ECE 191 Cooperative Work Experience I
- ECE 291 Cooperative Work Experience II

⁽³⁾ ECE 239 Teaching Young Children – CAPSTONE course is required for the degree.