

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## Degrees

- Associate of Arts Degree - Early Childhood Education Emphasis
- Associate of Applied Science Degree - Early Childhood Education - Administration of Early Care and Education Programs Emphasis
- Associate of Applied Science Degree - Early Childhood Education - Infant/Toddler Emphasis
- Associate of Applied Science Degree - Early Childhood Education - Preschool Emphasis

## Skills Certificates

- Skills Certificate - Early Childhood Educator 1
- Skills Certificate - Early Childhood Educator 2
- Skills Certificate - Early Childhood Educator 3
- Skills Certificate - Early Childhood Educator 4

## Program Information

The **Associate of Arts Degree in Early childhood Education** is designed to serve students either as a stand alone Degree or as a University Transfer Degree.

The **Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education** prepares the graduate for a career working with young children and their families. The program has three degree emphases: Administration of Early Care and Education Programs, Preschool, and Infant/Toddler. Students select an emphasis based on their specific interest in one area of concentration.

## Field Experience and Practicum Experience

All ECE degrees require courses with field experience and practicum experience in early childhood classrooms with young children (birth to age five). Field experiences and practicum experiences are focused student teaching experiences that require the student to demonstrate specific skills in an early childhood classroom with young children.

- Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.
- Students are required to have fingerprints, an approved background check, and a clear TB test prior to enrolling in courses with field experience or practicum experience. If a student fails to meet these requirements, or if the background check is not approved, the student will not be permitted to participate in courses with field experience or practicum experience.
- Students must meet all of the prerequisite/corequisite requirements, as well as have the practicum instructor's approval prior to enrolling in a practicum course.
- Two semesters of practicum are required. Students must complete the practicum courses in two, consecutive fall and spring semesters, during the final year of the ECE program of study.
- Students must work with the practicum instructor to arrange a practicum schedule and placement site.

## Degree Outcomes

Students completing these degrees will demonstrate competence in the knowledge and skills defined in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate

Degree Accreditation (ECADA) Standards for Initial and Advanced Early Childhood Professional Preparation Programs.

1. Promoting Child Development and Learning
2. Building Family and Community Relationships
3. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
4. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches
5. Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum
6. Becoming a Professional