

AAS, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Administration of Early Care and Education Programs

The Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education, Administration of Early Care and Education Programs prepares the graduate for a career working with young children and their families based on specific interest in this area of concentration.

Outcomes

Students completing the degree 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.
 - a. Promoting Child Development and Learning
 - b. Building Family and Community Relationships
 - c. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families
 - d. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches
 - e. Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum
 - f. Becoming a Professional
- Demonstrate proficiency as a preschool teacher in an early childhood education program.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the administration of early care and education programs.

The AAS in Early Childhood Education Preschool Emphasis, AAS in Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Emphasis, and the AAS in Early Childhood Education Administration of Early Care and Education Programs Emphasis, at TMCC are accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, www.naeyc.org (<http://www.naeyc.org>). The accreditation term runs from July 2016 through July 2023.

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 pre-requisite/co-requisite 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.

AAS degrees are generally non-transfer degrees that are designed for students to enter the workforce.

To earn an AAS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
<i>Diversity</i>		3
Required:		
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children ¹	
<i>Communications</i>		
Required:		
COM 215	Introduction to Group Communication	3
<i>English</i>		
Required:		
ENG 101 or ENG 113	Composition I Composition I for International Students	3
<i>Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science</i>		
Recommended:		
PSY 101 or SOC 101	General Psychology Principles of Sociology	3
<i>Human Relations</i>		3
Required:		
MGT 212	Leadership and Human Relations	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
<i>Science</i>		3
Required:		
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	
<i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i>		3
Degree Requirements ¹		
ECE 130	Infancy	3
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3

Emphasis Requirements ¹		
ECE 121	Parent Caregiver Relationships	1
ECE 123	Health and Nutrition for Young Children	1
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab ²	2
ECE 240	Administration of the Preschool	3
ECE 244	Practicum in Administration in ECE Programs ²	2
ECE 245	Practicum Seminar ²	2
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
MGT 171	Supervision	3
Total Units		65

U.S. and Nevada Constitutions ³	3
Semester Total	16
Total Units	65

³ See approved General Education list for the AAS Degree. (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>)

⁴ See program recommendations or requirements.

¹ Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, and a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in each of the Degree and Emphasis requirements.

² Students must complete the practicum experience through TMCC.

1st semester		Units
ECE 121	Parent Caregiver Relationships	1
ECE 190	Professionalism in Early Care and Education	3
ECE 250	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101 or ENG 113	Composition I or Composition I for International Students	3
HDFS 201	Lifespan Human Development	3
Mathematics ³		3
Semester Total		16

2nd semester		Units
ECE 123	Health and Nutrition for Young Children	1
ECE 130	Infancy	3
ECE 204	Principles of Child Guidance	3
ECE 210	Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Young Children	3
HDFS 232	Diversity in Children	3
MGT 171	Supervision	3
Semester Total		16

3rd semester		Units
COM 215	Introduction to Group Communication	3
ECE 200	The Exceptional Child	3
ECE 231	Preschool Practicum: Early Childhood Lab (Fall Lab)	2
ECE 251	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	3
HDFS 202	Introduction to Families	3
NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	3
Semester Total		17

4th semester		Units
ECE 240	Administration of the Preschool	3
ECE 244	Practicum in Administration in ECE Programs (Spring Lab)	2
ECE 245	Practicum Seminar	2
MGT 212	Leadership and Human Relations	3
Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science ⁴		3