

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AS)

This program is designed for students to develop the knowledge and skills required for working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The focus of this program is to prepare students to work in positions dealing with the development and educational needs of children from birth through second grade.

This program is structured such that students may continue their education and acquire a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. Students will be required to complete a background check.

Careers options include private or public nursery schools, preschools such as Head Start, home or center-based day care, primary grade paraprofessional, nanny positions, and recreational programs.

1. The candidate will demonstrate discipline content knowledge, pedagogical and professional knowledge, and skills/dispositions needed to educate all learners through field and practicum experiences.
2. The candidate will demonstrate and use formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous development of the diverse learner.
3. The candidate will be a reflective thinker who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices and actions on others and who seeks opportunities to serve the community and grow professionally.
4. The candidate will demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity of global cultures/ethnicities, and an awareness of diverse learning styles, with a focus on Ocheti Sakowin culture and language.
5. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to integrate tools of instructional and assistive technology into teaching and professional practice.

ECE 211	Introduction to Assessment	1
ECE 213	Language & Literacy Development in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 228	Developing Learning Environments	2
ECE 233	Pre-K Methods & Materials	3
ECE 236	Social/Emotional Development & Guidance in ECE	2
ECE 238	Child, Family & Community Relations	3
ECE 252	Stages of Child Development	3
ECE 254	Early Childhood Curriculum & Methods	2
ECE 297	Early Childhood Education Internship	3
ENGL 238	Childrens Literature	3
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPD 200	Exceptional Child	3
Total Hours		66

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 110	Composition I	3
ENGL 120	Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
MATH 102	Intermediate Algebra	4
PSYC 100	First Year Learning Experience	3
SOC 120	Transitions-Graduation & Beyond	2
NAS 101 or NAS 103	Ocheti Sakowin Language for Beginners Introduction to Ocheti Sakowin Language, Culture & History	3
CSCI 101	Introduction to Computers	3
<i>Health/Physical Education</i>		
Select two one-hour courses or any one two-hour course		2
<i>Humanities/Social & Behavioral Science Elective</i>		
Select any courses from Native American Studies or Lakhotiyapi/Dakhotiyapi (100/200 level) but any humanities or social & behavioral science course is allowed		3
<i>Laboratory Science</i>		
Select one four-hour laboratory science course		4
Core Requirements		
ECE 210	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2