

AA General Studies – Teacher Education Option

Early Childhood Education

PHILOSOPHY:

The Early Childhood program is designed to provide basic education in areas needed to meet the requirements for educating children ages birth through five. Students will learn to create a child centered environment which encourages cooperation and collaboration among children and their families and the Education Team.

EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES:

Students will:

1. Promote child development and learning by knowing young children’s needs and understanding the multiple influences on development and learning.
2. Build participation of families and communities in the learning and development of children.
3. Understand and apply theory regarding various topics in early children education.
4. Demonstrate how to set-up and maintain a healthy, safe environment.
5. Build meaningful curriculum using knowledge and resources to design and implement problem-solving creative, academic and social competence.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Students will complete the GENERAL EDUCATION and the PROFESSIONAL CORE degree requirements as outlined in the appropriate sections with these specific courses required for completion of General Education.

GENERAL EDUCATION	
General Education Mathematics: M 145: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (4 credits)	35 CREDITS
General Education Social Sciences: PSYX 100: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)	
PROFESSIONAL CORE	
AD 160: Family Group Dynamics (3 credits)	30 CREDITS
EDU 225: Intro to Educational Psychology (3 credits)	
EDU 220: Human Growth & Child Development (3 credits)	
EDEC 100: Intro to Early Childhood (3 credits)	
EDEC 105: Early Childhood Program Management (3 credits)	
EDEC 107: Educating the Exceptional Child (3 credits)	
EDEC 195: Field Experience in Early Childhood (3 credits)	
EDEC 220: Early Childhood Curriculum & Environment (3 credits)	
EDEC 230: Guiding the Young Child (3 credits)	
LIT 282: Literature for Children and Adolescents (3 credits)	
TOTAL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS	