

Early Childhood Education, A.S.

The Early Childhood Education associate's degree program is for those students who currently are employed or aspire to work in early childhood care and education programs. Completion of JCCC's associate of science degree program provides students the credentials to advance in quality early childhood care and education settings. The program has four areas of specialization: administration, care and education of young children with special needs, infant/toddler care and education and school age programs. Credits will transfer to many Kansas universities. Excellent practical education opportunities are available to students in the program.

This program requires a professional liability insurance fee. Students will be notified via their JCCC student e-mail account if they are required to pay a \$16 fee. The dollar amount for fees is subject to change.

Prerequisite

Students must meet the requirements for employment in early childhood care and education centers in Kansas (stated in the Kansas Licensing Regulations for Preschools and Child Care Centers).

Associate of Science Degree

Important: Students graduating with an Early Childhood Education degree must complete an approved cultural diversity course. Some of the approved courses are able to meet both the cultural diversity requirement and a general education requirement.

Cultural Diversity Course Requirement at JCCC (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/cultural-diversity-courses-aa>)

(Major Code 2100; State CIP Code 19.0708)

- Education and Early Childhood (<http://www.jccc.edu/education-early-childhood>)

First Semester

EDUC 130	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPD 121	Public Speaking	3
Math Elective ^		3

NOTE: The mathematics requirement will be satisfied by any mathematics course except MATH 111, Fundamentals of Mathematics, and MATH 115, Elementary Algebra.

Specific recommended course: MATH 171 College Algebra

Total Hours	15
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^ Math Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/sci-and-math-as>)

Second Semester

EDUC 131	Early Childhood Curriculum I*	3
EDUC 250	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
PSYC 215 or PSYC 218	Child Development* Human Development*	3
Health/Physical Education ^		1-2

Recommended HPER course if not certified in CPR: HPER 200 First Aid and CPR

Science course with Lab ^^	4-5
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See recommended courses for the science requirement below.

Total Hours	14-16
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^ Health/Physical Education (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/health-and-or-physical-ed-as>)

^^ Science course with Lab (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/sci-and-math-as>)

Summer Semester

ENGL 122	Composition II*	3
Humanities Elective ^		3
Total Hours		6

^ Humanities Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/humanities-as>)

Third Semester

EDUC 231	Early Childhood Curriculum II*	3
EDUC 210	Creative Experiences for Young Children*	3
EDUC 260	Observing and Interacting with Young Children*	3
ANTH 130	World Cultures	3
or ANTH 125	Cultural Anthropology	
or SOC 131	Sociology of Families	
NOTE: ANTH 130 and ANTH 125 meets Cultural Diversity requirement		
Science or Math ^		4-5
Total Hours		16-17

^ Science or Math (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/sci-and-math-as>)

Fourth Semester

Specialization courses (see below)		6
EDUC 235	Parenting*	2
EDUC 284	Seminar: Early Childhood Education*	3
EDUC 285	Student Teaching: Early Childhood Education*	3
Humanities Elective ^		3
Total Hours		17

^ Humanities Elective (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/fall/degreecertificates/electives/humanities-as>)

Area of Specialization Select one:**Child Care Administration**

ACCT 121	Accounting I	3
EDUC 280	Administration of Early Childhood Program	3

Children with Special Needs

EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child	3
EDUC 215	Young Children with Special Needs	3

Infant and Toddler Care and Education

EDUC 270	Early Childhood Development	3
EDUC 225	Infant and Toddler Education and Care*	3

School-Age Programs

EDUC 240	School-Age Programs and Curriculum I*	3
EDUC 245	School-Age Programs and Curriculum II*	3

Recommended Courses for the Science Requirement**Life Science**

BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4
BIOL 130	Environmental Science	3
BIOL 131	Environmental Science Lab*	1

Physical Science

ASTR 122	Astronomy	4
GEOS 130	General Geology	5
GEOS 140	Physical Geography	3
GEOS 141	Physical Geography Lab*	2
PSCI 120	Physical Science	4

Total Program Hours: 69-70