

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from birth through eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of children; care and guidance of children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and school-age programs.

The Haywood Community College Early Childhood Program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org). The NAEYC Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs awards accreditation to early childhood degree programs that demonstrate evidence of excellence by meeting the NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards. The NAEYC accreditation process provides a framework for self-study, external evaluation, and improvement in the quality of teacher preparation programs.

Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) Early Childhood Education (A55220)

Fall Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
ACA-115 (Career Option Only).	Success and Study Skills	0	2	0	1
or ACA-122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
EDU-119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU-131	Child, Family, and Community	3	0	0	3
EDU-144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
EDU-151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
Total: 17					
Spring Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU-146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
EDU-234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3	0	0	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	0	0	3
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	0	0	3
Total: 15					
Summer Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-153	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU-221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3
Total: 6					

Each Early Childhood Education major must complete the courses above AND choose one of the three options below to complete an AAS in Early Childhood Education (A55220BK, A55220TR, A55220CO).

Students may choose from the following tracks to meet their individual goals in the Early Childhood field:

Early Childhood Education Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Transfer Track (A55220BK)

Fall Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
BIO-111	General Biology I	3	3	0	4
CHM-151	General Chemistry I	3	3	0	4
COM-231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
EDU-216	Foundations of Education	3	0	0	3
ENG-112	Writing/Research in Disciplines	3	0	0	3
					Total: 17

Spring Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-250	Teacher Licensure Preparation	3	0	0	3
EDU-280	Language/Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
EDU-284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
MAT-143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
PSY-150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
					Total: 16

Total Credit Hours: 71

Early Childhood Education-Early Education Non-Licensure Transfer Track (A55220TR)

Fall Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
BIO-111	General Biology I	3	3	0	4
CHM-151	General Chemistry I	3	3	0	4
COM-231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
ENG-112	Writing/Research in Disciplines	3	0	0	3
PSY-150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
					Total: 17

Spring Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU-262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
EDU-280	Language/Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
EDU-284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
MAT-143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3
					Total: 16

Total Credit Hours: 71

Early Childhood Education-Career Option (Non-Transfer) Track (A55220CO)-This track is designed to prepare the student to work in Early Childhood Programs.

Fall Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
COM-120	Intro to Interpersonal Communication	3	0	0	3
or COM-231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3
or ENG-112	Writing/Research in Disciplines	3	0	0	3
EDU-216	Foundations of Education	3	0	0	3
EDU-261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU-262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
EDU-280	Language/Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3
					Total: 15

Spring Semester 2		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-235	School-Age Development and Programs	3	0	0	3
EDU-259	Curriculum Planning	3	0	0	3
EDU-284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	1	9	0	4
	Natural Science and Mathematics	3	0	0	3-4
					Total: 13-14

Total Credit Hours: 66-67

Natural Science and Mathematics: Choose at least 3 hours from the following courses:

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
BIO-111	General Biology I	3	3	0	4
CHM-151	General Chemistry I	3	3	0	4
MAT-143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3

Early Childhood Administration Certificate

This curriculum prepares individuals pursuing administrating roles in diverse child care settings to effectively work with children, families and teachers. The certificate is composed of learning opportunities in developmental theories, competency and evidence-based professional knowledge, administrative skills, and leadership qualities.

Course work includes foundations in early childhood education, physical/nutritional needs of young children, safety issues in the care of young children; communication and leadership skills with teachers, families, and children; programming and staffing, budgeting/financial management and marketing, and rules and regulations of early childhood programs.

Employment opportunities include entrepreneurship and/or management of child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Early Head Start and Head Start programs, and other programs.

Early Childhood Administration Certificate (C55850)

Fall Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU-131	Child, Family, and Community	3	0	0	3
				Total: 7	

Spring Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-153	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU-261	Early Childhood Administration I	3	0	0	3
EDU-262	Early Childhood Administration II	3	0	0	3
				Total: 9	

Total Credit Hours: 16

Early Childhood Preschool Certificate

This curriculum prepares individuals to work with preschool aged children (3-5) in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories, competency-based knowledge, and practice in actual settings with preschool children.

Course work includes child growth and development; physical/nutritional needs of preschool children; safety issues in the care of preschool children; care and guidance; communication skills with families and children; design and implementation of appropriate curriculum; and other related topics.

Graduates should be prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate preschool programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, and other preschool programs.

Early Childhood Preschool Certificate (C55860)

Fall Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU-131	Child, Family, and Community	3	0	0	3
EDU-146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3
				Total:	10

Spring Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3
EDU-153	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	0	0	3
				Total:	6

Total Credit Hours: 16

Infant/Toddler Care Certificate

The curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from infancy to three years-of-age in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learning theories, competency-based knowledge, and practice in actual settings with infants and toddlers.

Course work includes infant/toddler growth and development: physical /nutritional needs of infants and toddlers; safety issues in the care of infants and toddlers; care and guidance; communications skills with families and children; design and implantation of appropriate curriculum; and other related topics.

Graduates should be prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate infant/toddler programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, preschools, public and private schools, recreations centers, Early Head Start Programs, and other infant/toddler programs.

Infant/Toddler Care Certificate (C55290)

Fall Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4	0	0	4
EDU-144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3
					Total: 7

Spring Semester 1

		Lec	Lab	Clinic	Credit
EDU-131	Child, Family and Community	3	0	0	3
EDU-153	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	0	0	3
EDU-234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3	0	0	3
					Total: 9

Total Credit Hours: 16