

Early Childhood A.A.S.

This program is designed for persons interested in child care, preschool, and early childhood education.

Degree Requirements

The curriculum listed on this page is required for the A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood. Transfer for Early Childhood or Education course credit will only be granted after transcript review by the Education Coordinator.

Graduation Requirements: In order to graduate with the AAS degree in Early Childhood, students must demonstrate competency (a grade of C- or higher) in five Key Assessments. The Key Assessments are completed in each of the core early childhood courses (ECH 101, 102, 103, 104, 110, and 111 and BEH 101). This requirement also applies to students who have transferred credits to Cayuga Community College from another college. Please contact the Early Childhood coordinator if you have any questions.

Program Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), 1313 L. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, www.naeyc.org.

General Information

For individuals interested in working with children, Cayuga also offers a Liberal Arts A.A. degree with an Early Childhood concentration, as well as an Early Childhood Certificate and Teacher Assistant and Child Development Associate (CDA) coursework. In addition. Specific information about each program is available through the Student Development office.

Transfer Information

Students planning to transfer into a four-year degree program in Early Childhood should contact their adviser, the College's transfer counselor, or the Early Childhood coordinator to plan the most appropriate course sequence for optimum transferability. It is suggested that students who wish to transfer into four-year degree programs complete the A.A. degree in Liberal Arts with an Early Childhood concentration.

Additional Information

Students must be physically able to satisfactorily and safely perform duties associated with the care and education of children from birth to eight years of age. Students are required to have police and child abuse clearances and physical examinations prior to beginning their field experience classes (ECH 103 and 104).

Note: Students with certain criminal histories will not be able to satisfy field experience requirements for the completion of the degree. In addition, students are required to submit to alcohol and/or drug testing upon request by either the College or any of the cooperating field placement sites. Students who test positive are subject to removal from the field placement and will therefore not be able to satisfy requirements for the completion of the degree. Refusal to submit to the test will result in the student being asked to leave the field placement site and may result in dismissal from the course and/or the program.

Map your degree

Courses	Cr Hrs	Semester Completed	Grade
First Semester			
ENGL 101 Freshman English I	3	_____	_____
ART 103 Essentials of Art	3	_____	_____
HIST 201 US History I	3	_____	_____
PSY 101 Intro Psychology	3	_____	_____
ECH 110 Methods/Materials in Early Childhood Ed*	3	_____	_____
EDU 120 Technology for Teachers	1	_____	_____
	16		
Second Semester			
ENGL 209 Children's Literature	3	_____	_____
ECH 111 Infants and Toddlers*	3	_____	_____
PSY 215 Child Psychology	3	_____	_____
BIOL 209 Basic Nutrition	3	_____	_____
P.E. 146 CPR Basic Support	1	_____	_____
Elective	2-3	_____	_____
	15-16		
Third Semester			
ECH 101 Intro Early Childhood Education*	3	_____	_____
ECH 103 Early Childhood Field Experience I*	3	_____	_____
ECH 222 Teaching Math & Science	3	_____	_____
PSY 217 Intro Children with Exceptionalities	3	_____	_____
P.E. 199 Physical Education for Children	2	_____	_____
HLTH 103 Health	1	_____	_____
	15		
Fourth Semester			
ENGL 221 Effective Speech: Public Address	3	_____	_____
BEH 101 Language and Literacy Development*	3	_____	_____
ECH 102 Curriculum and Assessment*	3	_____	_____
ECH 104 Early Childhood Field Exp. II*	3	_____	_____
P.E. 145 First Aid	1	_____	_____
Elective**	3	_____	_____
	16		
Total Credit Hours	62-63		

* A minimum grade of C (70) is required to complete graduation requirements.

** Library 102 recommended elective

