Early Childhood Education (ECE.AAS)

Associate in Applied Science (ECE.AAS)

Human Services

Orchard Ridge Campus

The Early Childhood Education Associate Degree program is designed to develop effective, caring, competent, high-quality early childhood education professionals. This program provides training for effective work with young children in a variety of areas and increased awareness of the sensitivities, vulnerabilities and potential of every child. The program satisfies Michigan state requirements for licensing as directors of child care centers, lead teachers in child care centers, home-based center providers, and support staff in public school early childhood programs and Head Start agencies. It also prepares students to transfer into a bachelor's degree program in Early Childhood Education thereby increasing their job potential. The program provides experiential and academic training in early childhood education through course work, fieldwork, and internships. A "C" (2.0) or better grade is required in all program major requirements and required supportive courses to qualify for graduation in the program. To enter the program, candidates must provide documentation that they meet the following requirements:

1. Responsible and suitable character to meet the needs of children (see State of Michigan Child Care licensing requirements);
2. No history of abuse or neglect of children or the elderly (must obtain DHS Central Registry Clearance);
3. Criminal background clearance (see State of Michigan Child Care licensing requirements);
4. Mentally, physically, medically, and cognitively able to care for children.

Program Outcomes and Full Time Plan Example - Click Here **(**https://www.oaklandcc.edu/program-plan/ece.aas**)**

Program Outcomes and Part Time Plan Example - Click Here **(**https://www.oaklandcc.edu/program-plan/ece.aas-pt/**)**

Code	Title		Credit Hours
Major Requirements			
ECE 1404	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers		3
ECE 1414	Early Childhood Activities		4
ECE 1424	Early Childhood Education Curriculum Content		2
ECE 1500	Infant and Toddler Curriculum		4
ECE 1505	Early Childhood Nutrition, Health and Safety		3
ECE 1515	Family and Community Connections		3
ECE 1525	School-age Care and Curriculum		2
ECE 2405	Professional Issues in Early Childhood Education		3
ECE 2407	Early Childhood Internship Capstone		3
ECE 2415	Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs		3
ECE 2450	Educating the 'at Risk' Child in an Early Childhood Environment		3
Required Supportive Courses			
ENG 1510[1]	Composition I		3-6
or ENG 1510E	Composition I Enhanced	4	
or ENG 1510S	Composition I with Support	6	
ENG 1520[1]	Composition II		3
PSY 2510[1]	Introduction to Psychology		3
PSY 2710[1]	Child Development		3
PSY 2730[1]	Survey of the Exceptional Child		3
Suggested Electives			
ACC 1500	Accounting for the Small Business Owner		3
BUS 1100	Introduction to Business		4
BUS 1210	Small Business Basics		3
BUS 2530	Management		3
CIS 1050	Personal Computer Productivity Tools		4
COM 1290[1]	Interpersonal Communication		3
COM 1600[1]	Fundamentals of Speech		3
ENG 2650[1]	Children's Literature		3
PER 2540	Medical First Responder/First Responder		4
POL 1510[1]	American Government		3
SLI 1000	American Sign Language (ASL) I		3
SOC 2510[1]	Sociology		3
SOC 2530	Racial and Ethnic Group Relations		3
SOC 2570[1]	Marriage and Family in Modern Society		3
Total Credit Hours for Program-Related Courses			**48**
General Education Requirements			
Communication / English (3-credits)			
Satisfied			
Fine Arts / Humanities (3-credits)			3

See suggested electives of SLS-1000 or ENG-2650 or complete 3 credits from Fine Arts/ Humanities courses listed in the General Education Distribution List (http://catalog.oaklandcc.edu/graduation-requirements/general-education-distribution/#fine-arts-humanities)	
Mathematics / Science (3-credits)	3
Complete 3 credits from Mathematics/Science courses listed in the General Education Distribution List (http://catalog.oaklandcc.edu/graduation-requirements/general-education-distribution/#mathematics-science)	
Social Science (3-credits)	
Satisfied	
Written Communication (3-credits)	
Satisfied	
Additional elective credits needed to meet requirements for an Associate in Applied Science degree	**6**
Total Credit Hours	**60-63**

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 Course may be used to meet General Education requirements.

A minimum cumulative 2.00 grade point average (GPA) overall is required for graduation.