

Early Childhood Studies Associate's Degree - Direct Employment

Program Provider: Pima Community College

Total Program Credits: 60

www.pima.edu/early-childhood-aas



Program Details

Learn to excel at caring for and educating young children through this flexible, high-quality program. Students planning to transfer to a 4-year university should pursue either the Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education Associate of Arts degree.

Pima's Early Childhood Studies AAS program is accredited by the: National Association for the Education of Young Children

Skills Gained

- Child Development -To reflect mastery of child development and characteristics of children 0-8 years of age.
- Building Family and Community Relationships - To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of family and community characteristic.
- Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families.
- Using Developmentally Effective Approaches-includes understanding positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with young children.
- Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum
- Becoming a Professional - To identify with and become involved with the early childhood field though continuous and collaborative learning to inform practice.

Career Options/Outcomes

Become a teacher's aide, lead teacher or director of a pre-school center, or open your own home child care center.

Pre-requisites/Placement

Students must meet prerequisite standards before taking WRT 101, required in the pathway.

Placement tests needed: Reading, writing and math

Academic Options

While this program was not designed to transfer to a 4-year university, it may apply toward Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) or other programs. See [Pima's Transfer Partnerships page](#) to determine which universities offer BAS programs, and research how the universities may accept this program in transfer.

Semester Pathway

This pathway is a suggested sequence of courses for full-time students. Part-time students or those with specific interests or transfer needs are encouraged to work with an advisor to develop a unique academic map.

Semester 1 (Total: 14 credits)

ART 105:	Exploring Art and Visual Culture	3 Credits
CSA 100:	Computer Literacy	1 Credits
ECE 117:	Child Growth and Development	3 Credits
ECE 118:	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3 Credits
CDA Courses:	Complete all of the following:	
CDA 102:	The Child's Total Learning Environment	1 Credits
CDA 121:	Techniques for Observing Children	1 Credits
CDA 271:	Professionalism in Childcare	1 Credits
STU 100:	Student Success and Career Planning	1 Credits
WRT 101:	English Composition I	3 Credits

Semester 2 (Total: 17 credits)

ECE 125:	Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Young Child	3 Credits
ECE 226:	Positive Child Guidance	3 Credits
ECE 240:	Assessment of Young Children	3 Credits
MAT 106:	Elementary Data Analysis and Spreadsheets	2 Credits
WRT 102:	English Composition II	3 Credits
Elective:	Choose 3 credits from courses listed as Electives on the program website	3 Credits

Semester 3 (Total: 16 credits)

BIO 105IN:	Environmental Biology	4 Credits
ECE 115:	Supervision and Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3 Credits
ECE 228:	The Young Child: Family, Culture and Community (1st 8 Week Session)	3 Credits
ECE 246:	Integrating Learning and Lesson Planning: Literacy (2nd 8 Week Session)	3 Credits
Elective:	Choose 3 credits from courses listed as Electives on the program website	3 Credits

Semester 4 (Total: 13 credits)

ANT 112:	Exploring Non-Western Cultures	3 Credits
HIS 127:	History and Culture of the Mexican American in the Southwest	3 Credits
HUM 260:	Intercultural Perspectives	3 Credits
ECE 292:	Early Childhood Education: Theory to Practice	4 Credits
Elective:	Choose 6 credits from courses listed as Electives on the program website	6 Credits

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