

Elementary Education PreK-4, AA

School of Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

The Elementary Education Pre-k-4, AA degree program reflects the standards established by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the PA Department of Education for students preparing for transfer to teacher certification programs. Students should work with the transfer counselor to choose their 4-year institution as early as possible so electives can be chosen accordingly. The program provides a foundation for developing preservice dispositions that emphasize equity and critical educational practices. Developmentally appropriate practices, cultural responsiveness, and inclusiveness are emphasized as skills necessary for graduates. Field experience is required at approved PreK-4 sites. This program is available in online and lecture formats.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program are prepared to transfer to a 4-year institution and apply for teacher certification in grades Prek-4 after completing the baccalaureate program. Transfer to 4-year institutions requires a minimum GPA and score on the PAPA or PRAXIS CORE exam.

Graduates of this program are also prepared to enter the early childhood workforce on Level B of OCDEL'S Career Pathway. Graduates are qualified for positions as: program director, preschool teacher, lead teacher, assistant teacher, home visitor, service coordinator, family childcare provider, and public school aide.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Identify and utilize curricula and pedagogies to promote equity for marginalized communities in education.
- NAEYC 1: Promote child development and learning.
- NAEYC 2: Build family and community relationships.
- NAEYC 3: Observe, document, and assess to support young children and families.
- NAEYC 4: Use developmentally effective approaches.
- NAEYC 5: Use content knowledge to build curriculum.
- NAEYC 6: Act as an ethical and professional early childhood practitioner.

Program Requirements

Students must maintain a 2.8 GPA and achieve a grade of C in all ECE courses to remain in this program. If the GPA drops below 2.8, students will have one term to re-attain the required GPA. Students are required to complete all clearances and requirements per field experience sites.

This program is eligible for full funding through the Early Care and Education PDO at PASSHE scholarship and the PA TEACH scholarship.

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Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Term Offered	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1	F, Sp, Su		
	2	ECE 155	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3	F, Sp, Su		
	3	ECE 157	Child Growth & Development	3	F, Sp, Su		
	4	ENG 161	College Writing	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Placement	
	5	MTH 180	Elements of Mathematics I	3	F, Sp	MTH 052, 052A or Placement	
	6	Elective	Social Science Elective	3	F, Sp, Su		PSY 160, PSY 161, PSY 165, SOC 155, SOC 255
1st Spring	7	Elective	Restricted Elective	3	F, Sp, Su		See List
	8	ECE 165	Family & Society	3	F, Sp		
	9	ECE 166	Early Childhood Language and Literacy	3	F, Sp		
	10	MTH 185	Elements of Mathematics II	3	F, Sp	MTH 180	
	11	Elective	Fine Art Elective	3	F, Sp, Su		ART 155, ART 162, ART 165, FRN 155, FRN 156, MUS 155, PHL 160, PHL 161, SPA 155, SPA 156
2nd Fall	12	Elective	Natural Science with Lab Elective	4	F, Sp, Su	See Catalog Description	BIO 155, BIO 156, BIO 171, BIO 172, CHM 107, CHM 108, CHM 155, CHM 156, EPS 150, EPS 163, PHY 155, PHY 156, PHY 255, PHY 256
	13	ECE 257	Introduction to Exceptional Development	3	F, Sp		EDU 257
	14	ECE 255	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3	F, Sp		
	15	ECE 256	Assessment & Observation of Young Children	3	F, Su		
	16	ENG 255	Introduction to Literature	3	F, Sp		
2nd Spring	17	ENG 250	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	3	Sp, Su		
	18	ECE 167	Creative Experiences	3	F, Sp		
	19	ECE 284	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4	F, Sp	ECE 166, ECE 255, 2.0 GPA. Instructor & CCC Coordinator Approval	
	20	Elective	History Elective	3	F, Sp, Su		HIS 155, HIS 156, HIS 255, HIS 256
	21	Elective	Restricted Elective	3	F, Sp, Su		See List

Total Program Credits

63

Restricted Electives:

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| 101 American Sign Language I | ECE 176 CDA Portfolio I |
| 102 American Sign Language II | ECE 177 CDA Portfolio II |
| 201 American Sign Language III | ECE 178 CDA Portfolio III |
| Any Tech Literacy Course Column VI AA | ECE 265 Education of Young Children with Special Needs |
| ECE 156 Infant & Toddler Development | MUS 156 Early Childhood Music |
| ECE 168 Child Care Management | PSY 165 Educational Psychology |
| ECE 170 Child Health, Safety & Nutrition | |