



# Early Childhood Education

**60-credit Associate of Applied Science Degree**

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Spending time with young children and nurturing their love of learning is the reward for those who work in early childhood education. If you are patient, compassionate and enjoy working with infants and children from birth through 8 years, and their parents, a career in early childhood education may be right for you.

## About This Program

Learning that happens in early childhood settings provides children with a strong educational foundation. In this program, gain an understanding of the principles of early childhood education and learn to facilitate young children's learning and development through class work and practical experience. Explore child development, child behavior, developmentally appropriate practices and strategies for working with parents.

Please note: A physical examination, caregiver background check and fingerprint background check are required prior to a field placement internship course.



### Career Salaries

\$24,600 - \$39,700 annually

Salary range estimates based on wages for related occupations in Waukesha County as reported by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI). Individual wages may vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.



### Potential Careers

Early Childhood Educator  
Preschool Teacher  
Early Childhood Education Assistant  
Child Care Teacher

## What Makes This Program Unique

- Strengthen classroom concepts through hands-on practice in our nationally accredited associate degree program, and Child Development Center and Early Learning Lab.
- Involvement in the Education Club enhances your learning while developing leadership and service skills.
- This program is offered in a Blended Options (as well as traditional) format to allow early childhood professionals working in the industry to maximize their professional experience and accelerate their completion of the program.



PROGRAM CODE 10-307-1

## CORE COURSES

Credits

307-108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy	3
307-110	ECE: Soc St, Art, Music	3
307-112	ECE: STEM	3
307-148	ECE: Foundations of ECE	3
307-151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Dev	3
307-167	ECE: Hlth Safety & Nutrition	3
307-174	ECE: Introductory Practicum	3
307-175	ECE: Preschool Practicum	3
307-177	ECE: Intermediate Practicum	3
307-187	ECE: Children w Diff Abilities	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Child Behavior	3
307-195	ECE: Family & Community Rel	3
307-199	ECE: Advanced Practicum	3
	Elective: Recommend 307-169 (ECE: Infant and Toddler Group Care)	3

## GENERAL STUDIES

801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
804-123	Math w Business Apps	3
809-196	Intro to Sociology	3
809-198	Intro to Psychology	3



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