

The Early Childhood Education program provides a practical experience for students who wish to work in a professional childcare setting.

## **TWO PROGRAM OPTIONS**

## Associate of Applied Science

The two-year Associate of Applied Science degree incorporates both an academic base and practical courses to provide a balanced program to prepare highly qualified childcare workers. Program graduates will have the skills necessary for obtaining employment or advancement in early childhood care and education.

## **Certificate of Applied Science**

The one-year Certificate of Applied Science provides practical experience for students who wish to work in a professional childcare setting.

Both program options are available online.



The Early Childhood Education program provides students with practical experience in a supervised and supportive environment.

# PLANS OF STUDY

## Certificate of Applied Science (37 credits)

- Intro to Early Childhood Ed
- Observation & Assessment
- Child Adolescent Development
- Curriculum & Environments I
- Meeting the Needs of Families
- Positive Child Guidance
- Health, Safety, Nutrition in Early Childhood Ed
- Integrated Curriculum & Environments II

## Associate of Applied Science (61 credits)

- · Leadership & Professionalism in Early Childhood Ed
- College Writing I
- Intro to Public Speaking
- Contemporary Math OR higher
- Intro to Psychology OR Intro to Sociology
- Basic MS Office

For the Associate of Applied Science degree, students will complete all of the above, plus at least 13 elective credits. Strongly recommended course areas for electives include Early Childhood Education, Education, Native American Studies, Psychology, Sociology, and Art, Drama, and Music electives.



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