# **Early Childhood Education and Care** | Associate in Applied Science Field of Study Code: **ECEC.AAS**

# **Catalog Description**

The Early Childhood Education and Care program prepares students to enter the early childhood education and early childhood field. Students acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to work with infants, toddlers, preschool-age and school-age children. Jobs for degree and certificate graduates are widely available in child care centers, preschools, park districts and public schools. This degree program requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, electives and general education in the courses listed below.

| Program Requirements34 |       |  |  |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Ecec                   | 1100  | Introduction to the Early Childhood      |  |
|                        |       | Profession3                              |  |
| Ecec                   | 1101  | Growth and Development of the            |  |
|                        |       | Young Child3                             |  |
| Ecec                   | 1102* | Child Guidance Practices3                |  |
| Ecec                   | 1130* | Methods: Discovery and the Physical      |  |
|                        |       | World3                                   |  |
| Ecec                   | 1140* | Methods: Self-Expression and the         |  |
|                        |       | Social World3                            |  |
| Ecec                   | 1151* | Language and Literacy Development        |  |
|                        |       | of the Young Child3                      |  |
| Ecec                   | 2211  | Child Health, Safety and Nutrition3      |  |
| Ecec                   | 2220* | Early Childhood Education Practicum4     |  |
| Ecec                   | 2251* | Curriculum Planning for the Young Child3 |  |
| Ecec                   | 2252* | Child/Family/Community Relations         |  |
|                        |       | and Resources3                           |  |
| Ecec                   | 2260* | Early Childhood Professional3            |  |

<sup>\* -</sup> course has a prerequisite

# Program Electives ......4

Select four credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

#### Electives ......5 to 6

Select from any 1000- or 2000-level courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

#### General Education ......21

For the **Early Childhood Education and Care degree**, students are required to take a minimum of 21 credits in General education

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

Communication: 6 credits

**Written**: (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105 **Oral**: (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

# Suggested Course Sequence (Full Time Enrollment)

Please note: A student's readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student's placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.

### First Semester (15 to 17 credits)

- Engli 1101 (3)
- Mathematics (3 to 5)
- Ecec 1100 (3)
- Ecec 1101 (3)
- Ecec 2211 (3)

# Second Semester (15 to 17 credits)

- Speec 1100 or 1120 or 1150 (3)
- Physical and Life Sciences (3 to 5)
- Ecec 1102 (3)
- Ecec 2251 (3)
- Ecec 2252 (3)

### Summer Term (4 to 6 credits)

- Program Elective (2 to 3)
- Global/Multicultural studies (2 to 3)

### Third Semester (15 credits)

- Social and Behavioral Science (3)
- Humanities and Fine Arts (3)
- Ecec 1130 (3)
- Ecec 1140 (3)
- Ecec 2260 (3)

### Fourth Semester (15 credits)

- Ecec 1151 (3)
- Ecec 2220 (4)
- Program Elective (2)
- Elective (6)

#### For more information:

If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division office at 630-942-2010.

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**Physical and Life Sciences:** 3 to 5 credits

At least one course with a laboratory component.

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits

Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).

Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or

Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits** 

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category

TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE 64 to 65

### Program web site:

http://www.cod.edu/programs/ecec/

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# **Career Information ECEC.AAS**

Job Title(s): Pre-School Teachers, Except Special Education

Teacher, Preschool Teacher, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Pre-K Teacher), Lead Teacher, Toddler Teacher, Teacher Assistant, Group Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher, Head Start Teacher

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

Phone: 630-942-2230

www.cod.edu/careerservices Twitter: @codcareercenter

**Related Occupations:** 

Kindergarten Teacher, Except Special Ed. Childcare Workers

Self-Enrichment Education Teachers Nannies

Teacher Assistants Social & Human Service Assistants

# **Early Childhood Administration |** Associate in Applied Science Field of Study Code: **ECEC.AAS.ADMIN**

# **Catalog Description**

The Early Childhood Administration degree prepares students for employment in the management of early childhood and school-age programs. Students acquire the skills and knowledge to administrate programs serving infants, toddlers, preschool, and school-age children. This program includes the 20 credit hour Administration of an Early Childhood Center certificate and upon successful completion of this degree, students are eligible to apply for the Illinois Director's Credential. This degree program requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, and general education in the courses listed below.

| Program Requirements40 |       |   |  |
|------------------------|-------|---|--|
| Ecec                   | 1100  | Introduction to the Early Childhood       |  |
|                        |       | Profession3                               |  |
| Ecec                   | 1101  | Growth and Development of the             |  |
|                        |       | Young Child3                              |  |
| Ecec                   | 1102* | Child Guidance Practices3                 |  |
| Ecec                   | 1130* | Methods: Discovery and the Physical       |  |
|                        |       | World3                                    |  |
| Ecec                   | 1140* | Methods: Self-Expression and the          |  |
|                        |       | Social World3                             |  |
| Ecec                   | 1163* | Practicum: At-Risk Early Childhood        |  |
|                        |       | Programs1                                 |  |
| Ecec                   | 2210  | The Young Child with Special Needs2       |  |
| Ecec                   | 2211  | Child Health, Safety and Nutrition3       |  |
| Ecec                   | 2221* | Early Childhood Administration Practicum4 |  |
| Ecec                   | 2251* | Curriculum Planning for the Young Child3  |  |
| Ecec                   | 2254* | Administration of an Early Childhood      |  |
|                        |       | Center-Program Operations3                |  |
| Ecec                   | 2255* | Administration of an Early Childhood      |  |
|                        |       | Center-Practices and Procedures3          |  |
| Ecec                   | 2256* | Administration of an Early Childhood      |  |
|                        |       | Center-Staff, Families, and Children3     |  |
| Ecec                   | 2260* | Early Childhood Professional3             |  |
|                        |       |   |  |

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## Program Electives......3

Select three credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses. (In addition to the courses listed above.)

# General Education ......21 to 22

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# Suggested Course Sequence (Full Time Enrollment)

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## First Semester (15 credits)

- Ecec 1100 (3)
- Ecec 1101 (3)
- Ecec 2256 (3)
- General Education 6)

# Second Semester (14 credits)

- Ecec 1102 (3)
- Ecec 2251(3)
- Ecec 2210 (2)
- Ecec 2255 (3)
- General Education (3)

# Third Semester (9 credits)

- Ecec 2211 (3)
- Ecec 2254 (3)
- General Education (3)

### Fourth Semester (15 credits)

- Ecec 1130 (3)
- Ecec 1140 (3)
- Ecec 2260 (3)
- General Education (6)

### Fifth Semester (11 credits)

- Ecec 1163 (1)
- Ecec 2221 (4)
- General Education (3)
- Program Elective (3)

#### For more information:

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#### Program web site:

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**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 credits

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits

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TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE 64 to 65

# **Career Information: ECEC.AAS.ADMIN**

Job Title(s): Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program (SOC 11-9031):

Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic and nonacademic activities of preschool and childcare centers or programs.

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center.

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# **Related Occupations:**

Preschool Director

Early Childhood Program Supervisor (ECP Supervisor)

Principal

Prekindergarten Program Coordinator

Early Head Start Director

**Childcare Director** 

Therapeutic Preschool Program Manager

Teacher

Site Coordinator

**Program Director** 

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