

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education focuses on teaching students to understand the basics of child development and learning and the instructional strategies and planning needed to help young children birth to age 8 grow and learn. It will prepare students who are interested in pursuing a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education or related field and help qualify graduates for career opportunities in public and private daycare centers as teachers or managers, teacher assistants in the public school system, entry level positions in state/federally funded programs (Head Start and Early Head Start) and community-based programs

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Field of Study - 18 Credit Hours

TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	3
TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child	3
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	3
TECA 1303	Family, School, and Community	3
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
PSYC 2308	Child Psychology	3

STC Core Curriculum - 42 Credit Hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum^{1,2} 42

Total Credit Hours 60

¹ In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 hours from the STC Core Curriculum.

² Students must take SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication or SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communications to meet the Component Area Option core requirement. Students must take ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation to meet the Creative Arts core requirement.

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Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
PHIL 1301 or PHIL 2306	Introduction to Philosophy or Introduction to Ethics	
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3
TECA 1311	Educating Young Children	3
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Select one of the following:		
SPCH 1311 or SPCH 1318	Introduction to Speech Communication or Interpersonal Communications	
Credit Hours		15

Spring

EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Select one of the following:		
ARTS 1301 or MUSI 1306	Art Appreciation or Music Appreciation	
Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall

TECA 1318	Wellness of the Young Child	3
Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum		3-4
Recommended:		
MATH 1414 or MATH 142	College Algebra or Elementary Statistical Methods	
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Recommended:		
PHYS 1415 or BIOL 1408	Physical Science I or Biology for Non-Science Majors I	

Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
PSYC 2301 or PSYC 231	General Psychology or Lifespan Growth and Development	
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	3

Credit Hours		16-17
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Spring

PSYC 2308	Child Psychology	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Recommended:		
PHYS 1417 or BIOL 1409	Physical Science II or Biology for Non-Science Majors II	

GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
TECA 1303	Family, School, and Community	3
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		1
Recommended:		
KINE 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	

Credit Hours		14
Total Credit Hours		60-61