



AAS in Early Learning and Development

Suggested Course Plan Sequenced by Semester

Academic Plan Code: 3124

CIPS Code: 13.1209

GB Date: 06/24/14

Program Credits: 63-68

Program Description:

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Early Learning and Development program is designed to prepare individuals to enter the workforce as Early Childhood Professionals and to assist individuals employed in the field to upgrade and expand their skills. The program emphasizes the roles of early care and education professionals, families and the wider society as they together meet the contemporary needs of young children. Course work includes the principles of developmental science, professionalism in early childhood work, philosophies and methods of early learning, and the impact of standards on practice. To apply planning, management and evaluation skills, students will observe, participate, and intern in state licensed early childhood programs.

Course Sequence by Semester:

The following is a suggested course sequence by semester for the pathway. Students should keep in mind the items below that affect their success in completing the pathway as listed:

- Program sequence is based on a full-time student schedule (12 credits or more per semester). If you are a part-time student, the order of these classes will be helpful but it will take additional terms to complete.
- Program sequence does not take into consideration the need for developmental classes (e.g., ENG091 before ENG101.)

Program Notes:

Although the Early Learning and Development program is shared with other sister colleges within the Maricopa Community Colleges, the Course Sequence presented is only for Rio Salado College.

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses required within the program.

* Indicates course has prerequisites and/or corequisites.

xxx Indicates any suffixed courses.

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Semester 1: 12 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
RC	ECH128	Early Learning: Play and the Arts	3	
RC	EED200	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	
FYC	ENG101* OR ENG107*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	SUN ☒ ENG1101 OR N/A
Oral Comm	Any approved general education course in the Oral Communications area		3	
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
RC	ECH128	Early Learning: Play and the Arts	3	
RC	EED200	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	
FYC	ENG101* OR ENG107*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	SUN ☒ ENG1101 OR N/A
Oral Comm	Any approved general education course in the Oral Communications area		3	
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
RC	ECH128	Early Learning: Play and the Arts	3	
RC	EED200	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	
FYC	ENG101* OR ENG107*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	SUN ☒ ENG1101 OR N/A
Oral Comm	Any approved general education course in the Oral Communications area		3	
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
RC	ECH128	Early Learning: Play and the Arts	3	
RC	EED200	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	
FYC	ENG101* OR ENG107*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	SUN ☒ ENG1101 OR N/A
Oral Comm	Any approved general education course in the Oral Communications area		3	

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Semester 2: 9-14 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
Critical Rdg	CRE101 OR	College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking (3) OR Equivalent as indicated by assessment	0-3	
RC, SB	EED205 OR CFS/ECH176 OR CFS235	The Developing Child: Prenatal to Age Eight (3) OR Child Development (3) OR Developing Child: Theory into Practice, Prenatal - Age 8 (3)	3	EED205 recommended.
RC	EED215	Early Learning: Health, Safety, Nutrition and Fitness	3	
Math	Any approved general education course in the Mathematics area		3-5	
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
Critical Rdg	CRE101 OR	College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking (3) OR Equivalent as indicated by assessment	0-3	
RC, SB	EED205 OR CFS/ECH176 OR CFS235	The Developing Child: Prenatal to Age Eight (3) OR Child Development (3) OR Developing Child: Theory into Practice, Prenatal - Age 8 (3)	3	EED205 recommended.
RC	EED215	Early Learning: Health, Safety, Nutrition and Fitness	3	
Math	Any approved general education course in the Mathematics area		3-5	
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
Critical Rdg	CRE101 OR	College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking (3) OR Equivalent as indicated by assessment	0-3	
RC, SB	EED205 OR CFS/ECH176 OR CFS235	The Developing Child: Prenatal to Age Eight (3) OR Child Development (3) OR Developing Child: Theory into Practice, Prenatal - Age 8 (3)	3	EED205 recommended.
RC	EED215	Early Learning: Health, Safety, Nutrition and Fitness	3	
Math	Any approved general education course in the Mathematics area		3-5	
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
Critical Rdg	CRE101 OR	College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking (3) OR Equivalent as indicated by assessment	0-3	
RC, SB	EED205 OR CFS/ECH176 OR CFS235	The Developing Child: Prenatal to Age Eight (3) OR Child Development (3) OR Developing Child: Theory into Practice, Prenatal - Age 8 (3)	3	EED205 recommended.
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Semester 3: 12 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
FYC	ENG102* OR ENG108*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	 ENG1102 OR N/A
RC	ITD200*	The Physical Child: Birth to Age Three	3	
RC	ITD210*	Early Attachments, Relationships and Families: Birth to Age Three	3	
HUM	Any approved general education course in the Humanities, Arts and Design area		3	EDU/ENH291 recommended.
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
RC	CFS163	Family Child Care: Introduction to Business Management	3	
RC	CFS164	Family Child Care: Curriculum and Environment	3	
FYC	ENG102* OR ENG108*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	 ENG1102 OR N/A
HUM	Any approved general education course in the Humanities, Arts and Design area		3	EDU/ENH291 recommended.
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
RE	CFS206	Child and Family Organizations: Management and Administration	3	
RE	CFS207	Organization and Community Leadership in Child and Family Organizations	3	
FYC	ENG102* OR ENG108*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	 ENG1102 OR N/A
HUM	Any approved general education course in the Humanities, Arts and Design area		3	EDU/ENH291 recommended.
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
RE	CFSxxx	Any CFS Child/Family Studies course(s)	3	CFS205 recommended.
RE	CFSxxx	Any CFS Child/Family Studies course(s)	3	FCS250 recommended
FYC	ENG102* OR ENG108*	First-Year Composition (3) OR First-Year Composition for ESL (3)	3	 ENG1102 OR N/A
HUM	Any approved general education course in the Humanities, Arts and Design area		3	EDU/ENH291 recommended

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Semester 4: 13 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
RC	EED220	Child, Family, Community and Culture	3	
RC	EED245	Early Learning: Language Acquisition and Literacy Development	3	
RC	ITD220*	Cognition and Communication: Birth to Age Three	3	
NS	Any approved general education course from the Natural Sciences area		4	
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
RE	CFS207	Organization and Community Leadership in Child and Family Organizations	3	
RC	EED220	Child, Family, Community and Culture	3	
RC	EED245	Early Learning: Language Acquisition and Literacy Development	3	
NS	Any approved general education course from the Natural Sciences area		4	
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
RE	CFS208	Child and Family Organizations: Fiscal Management and Grant Writing	3	
RC	EED220	Child, Family, Community and Culture	3	
RC	EED245	Early Learning: Language Acquisition and Literacy Development	3	
NS	Any approved general education course from the Natural Sciences area		4	
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
RE	CFSxxx	Any CFS Child/Family Studies course(s)	3	FCS260 recommended
RC	EED220	Child, Family, Community and Culture	3	
RC	EED245	Early Learning: Language Acquisition and Literacy Development	3	
NS	Any approved general education course from the Natural Sciences area		4	

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Semester 5: 12 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
RC	EED212	Guidance, Management and the Environment	3	
RC	EED222	Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child: Birth to Age Eight	3	
RC	EED278*	Early Learning: Curriculum and Instruction - Birth/Preschool	3	
RC	EED280*	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical/Atypical Behaviors of Young Children Birth to Age Eight	3	
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
RC	EED212	Guidance, Management and the Environment	3	
RC	EED222	Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child: Birth to Age Eight	3	
RC	EED278*	Early Learning: Curriculum and Instruction - Birth/Preschool	3	
RC	EED280*	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical/Atypical Behaviors of Young Children Birth to Age Eight	3	
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
RC	EED212	Guidance, Management and the Environment	3	
RC	EED222	Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child: Birth to Age Eight	3	
RC	EED278*	Early Learning: Curriculum and Instruction - Birth/Preschool	3	
RC	EED280*	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical/Atypical Behaviors of Young Children Birth to Age Eight	3	
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
RC	EED212	Guidance, Management and the Environment	3	
RC	EED222	Introduction to the Exceptional Young Child: Birth to Age Eight	3	
RC	EED278*	Early Learning: Curriculum and Instruction - Birth/Preschool	3	
RC	EED280*	Standards, Observation and Assessment of Typical/Atypical Behaviors of Young Children Birth to Age Eight	3	

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Semester 6: 5 Credits

Program Area	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Notes
Block 1: Infant and Toddler Development:				
RC	EED255*	Portfolio Development and Writing for the Profession	3	
RC	EED260*	Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Internship	1	
RC	EED261*	Early Childhood Preschool Internship	1	
Block 2: Family Child Care Management:				
RC	EED255*	Portfolio Development and Writing for the Profession	3	
RC	EED260*	Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Internship	1	
RC	EED261*	Early Childhood Preschool Internship	1	
Block 3: Early Childhood Business Management:				
RC	EED255*	Portfolio Development and Writing for the Profession	3	
RC	EED260*	Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Internship	1	
RC	EED261*	Early Childhood Preschool Internship	1	
Block 4: Any CFS, ECH, EED, ITD, or FCS prefixed courses not listed in the Required Courses area:				
RC	EED255*	Portfolio Development and Writing for the Profession	3	
RC	EED260*	Early Childhood Infant/Toddler Internship	1	
RC	EED261*	Early Childhood Preschool Internship	1	

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