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College of Applied Science and Technology
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT 220007AAS

Associate Degree

The following information has official approval of the **College of Applied Science & Technology**, but is intended only as a guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.*

Italicized courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf.

1st Year	**Fall Semester**	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
2020:121	*English*	3	Placement by Adviser
7760:132	Early Childhood Nutrition	3	
7400:265	Child Development (Note a.)	3	
2040:240	*Human Relations (Social Science Requirement)*	3	
2200:110	Foundations in Early Childhood Education (Note d.)	3	
Total		**15**	

1st Year	**Spring Semester**		
2030:161	Math for Modern Technology	4	Placement by Advisor
2200:245	Infant/Toddler Daycare Programs (Note d.)	3	
7400:270	Theory and Guidance of Play	3	7400:265
7400:280	Early Childhood Curriculum Methods	3	7400:265
2040:242	*American Urban Society (Social Science Requirement)*	3	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Fall Semester**		
7400:370	Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom	2	7400:270, 7400:280 and 7400:375 corequisite
7400:375	Early Childhood Classroom Lab	2	7400:270, 7400:280 and 7400:370 corequisite
5610:450	Special Education Program: Early Childhood	3	
2200:250	Observing and Recording Children's Behavior (Note e.)	3	7400:265 or permission
7400:460	Organization and Supervision of Child Care Centers	3	
7600:106	*Effective Oral Communication (Speech/ Oral Communication Requirement)*	3	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Spring Semester**		
2200:295	Early Childhood Practicum (Notes c. and d.)	5	
2200:247	Diversity in Early Childhood Literacy (Note e.)	3	7400:265
2200:246	Multicultural Issues in Child Care	3	
	Humanities Requirement	2	
Total		**13**	

	Total Credits for Degree	**60**	

POLICY ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your General Education English, Math, and Communications (Speech) requirements.

A STUDENT MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE PROGRAM ADVISER OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE (2200:295) BY THE EIGHTH (8TH) WEEK OF THE SEMESTER BEFORE HE / SHE PLANS TO TAKE COURSE!

a. An Early Childhood Development Associate Degree student should take 7400:265 Child Development and 2200:110 Foundations In Early Childhood Education the first semester. These courses are prerequisites for subsequent child development courses.
b. A student who expects to go on for a 4-Year degree should consult with his / her adviser as to which math course(s) will be applicable to a bachelor's degree.
c. A student must obtain permission from the program adviser of Early Childhood Development for 2200:295, Early Childhood Practicum, by the eighth week of the semester before he/she plans to take it. Prerequisites are 7400:265, 7400:270, 7400:280 and 2200:110, 5200:360, 5200:370. 2200:245 must be completed to do a practicum in an Infant / Toddler Center.
d. Course is offered fall, spring, and summer semesters. Student can take course online or classroom setting.
e. Course is offered only fall and spring semester.
f. If course is not offered, please contact Dr. Sabine Gerhardt for alternative course to fulfill requirement.

TECHNICAL ELECTIVES	**CREDITS**
7400:360 Parent-Child Relations	3
7400:401 American Families in Poverty	3
7400:255 Fatherhood: The Parent Role	3
5550:336 Motor Learning and Development for Early Childhood	2

HUMANITIES COURSE SELECTION	
3600:101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
3600:120 Introduction to Ethics	3
7100:100 Survey of History of Art I	4
7100:105 Introduction to Art Education	3
7100:144 Foundation 2D Design	3
7500:103 Trends in Jazz	2
7500:201 Exploring Music Bach to Rock	3
7900:115 Dance as an Art Form	2

NOTE: A student may wish to take Humanities in Western Traditions World Civilizations to meet this requirement. The prerequisite for Humanities in Western Traditions is the completion of 3300:112, English Composition II. For World Civilizations, 64 credit hours must be completed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT:
1. Teaching in the Early Childhood Classroom, 7400:370, and Early Childhood Classroom Laboratory, 7400:375, are taken concurrently and must be done at The University of Akron's Center for Child Development or School of Family and Consumer Science approved site.
2. Work experience will not substitute for 2200:295, Early Childhood Practicum. All students are given a community placement. Contact department (Polsky 161) for details.
3. The Child Development Program requires a considerable number of hours observing children and participating in programs for children. A student must make arrangements to complete these course requirements.

You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate with this degree.

Contact Person: Dr. Sabine Gerhardt, 330-972-2443, sef2@uakron.edu, Polsky Building, Room 161.

Career Opportunities:

- Child Care Center Director
- Child Care Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- Pre-K or Kindergarten Paraprofessional
- Family Child Care Home Provider
- Children's Entertainment Coordinator
- Nanny
- Early Intervention/Special Needs Paraprofessional
- Parent Educator
- Youth Services Worker

Salary: The field of Early Childhood Development has a highly diversified salary structure. Salaries will vary according to the experience, educational preparation, and type of job performed.