

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education program curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from infancy through middle childhood in diverse learning environments. Students combine learning theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Coursework includes child growth and development, physical/nutritional needs of children, care and guidance of children, and communication skills with parents and children. Students foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of young children.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings. Employment opportunities include child development and child care programs, public and private schools, preschools, recreational centers, Head Start Programs, after school-age programs, and teacher assistants in K-3 classrooms.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in early childhood education employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.

Early Childhood Education (A55220AS)

Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education is awarded by the college upon completing this program.

The Early Childhood program has three degree tracks:

1. Professional Degree (A55220AS)
2. Transfer Teacher Licensure Degree (A55220BK)
3. Transfer Non-Licensure Degree (A55220NL)

Each of these degree tracks prepares students to work in early care and education programs with children ages 0-5 as lead teachers. Students completing the Teacher Transfer degree are additionally prepared to transfer to a 4-year program to complete a BA degree and receive Birth-Kindergarten licensure, which allows them to be a Lead Teacher in a public Pre-K classroom or enter the public school system as a Kindergarten teacher. Students completing the Non-licensure track are additionally prepared to transfer to a 4-year program to complete a BA that does not include teacher licensure.

Admissions

1. Submit proof of high school graduation or equivalency.
2. Complete an admissions application to Central Piedmont.
3. Complete or waive placement tests. Students with appropriate transcripts or official score reports can waive placement testing by meeting with a Central Piedmont academic advisor.
4. Consult with an academic advisor to declare program goals/major and contact the Early Childhood Education Program Advisor.
5. Consult with an assigned Early Childhood Program Advisor about the next steps.

Program Accreditation

The Early Childhood Education Associate Degree program at Central Piedmont is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

State Credentials

All Early Childhood courses may be applied for training/education hours required by the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (NCDCDEE). Courses are offered for North Carolina Early Childhood, School-Age and Administrative Credentials.

Four-Year Articulation Agreements

The Central Piedmont Early Childhood Education Program has articulation agreements with other North Carolina institutions allowing students transferring to those schools to be eligible to enroll in the following programs:

Students may transfer to any of the universities below to pursue the Bachelor Degree in Birth-Kindergarten Teaching with licensure option:

1. Appalachian State University
2. Catawba College
3. East Carolina University
4. Elizabeth City State University
5. Fayetteville State University
6. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University
7. North Carolina Central University
8. University of North Carolina Charlotte
9. University of North Carolina Greensboro
10. University of North Carolina Pembroke
11. University of North Carolina Wilmington
12. Western Carolina University
13. Winston-Salem State University

Students may transfer to any of the universities below to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Non-teaching without the option of licensure. Universities are listed below with corresponding Bachelor Degree title:

1. Catawba College
2. East Carolina University: Family and Community Services, Child Development Concentration
3. Elizabeth City State University: Child, Family and Community
4. Fayetteville State University: Birth-Kindergarten Non-Teaching
5. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University: Child Development and Family Studies
6. North Carolina Central University: Family Consumer Sciences, Child Development and Family Relations Concentration
7. University of North Carolina Greensboro: Early Care and Education
8. Western Carolina University: Early Childhood
9. Winston-Salem State University: Early Intervention and Preschool Concentration or Business Optional Concentration

Students interested in transferring to higher education institutions should contact the admissions counselor at that individual school.

General Course Information

1. Many courses have prerequisites or co-requisites; check the Courses section of this catalog for details.
2. 100-level EDU courses (with the exception of EDU 119)
3. 200-level EDU
4. For courses with a lab, students must register for the lab section as well as the lecture section. Ex. EDU 280 Language and Literacy Experiences and EDU 280A Language and Literacy Lab.
5. Students must have faculty permission to register for EDU 284.

Contact Information

The Early Childhood Education program is in the Education & Training Division. For more information, visit the Early Childhood webpage or call the Early Childhood Division at 704.330.4762. Email inquiries can be sent to EarlyChildhoodEducation@cpcc.edu.

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0

Take 3 credits from the following: 3.0

ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3.0
or MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	

Select 3 credits of the following: 3.0

ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
DRA 111	Theatre Appreciation	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	

Major Requirements

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3.0
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3.0
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4.0
EDU 144	Child Development I	3.0
EDU 145	Child Development II	3.0
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3.0
EDU 251	Exploration Activities	3.0
EDU 151A	Creative Activities Lab	1.0
EDU 280A	Literacy Experiences Lab	1.0
EDU 251A	Exploration Activities Lab	1.0
EDU 259	Curriculum Planning	3.0
Select 5.0 credits from the following courses:		5.0

EDU 154	Social/Emotion/Behavior Development
EDU 158	Healthy Lifestyles-Youth
EDU 188	Issues in Early Childhood Education
EDU 235	School-Age Development and Programs
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II
EDU 263	School-Age Program Administration
EDU 288	Advanced Issues in Early Childhood Education
EDU 216	Foundations of Education
EDU 250	Teacher Licensure Preparation
EDU 162	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education
EDU 254	Music and Movement for Children
EDU 157	Active Play
PSY 150	General Psychology

Total Credits 68

Early Childhood Education - Transfer Teacher Licensure Track (A55220BK)

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3.0

Select 3.0 credits from the following courses: 3.0

ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
DRA 111	Theatre Appreciation	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	

Transfer Speciality Areas

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIS 111	World Civilizations I	
HIS 112	World Civilizations II	
HIS 131	American History I	
HIS 132	American History II	
POL 120	American Government	
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	

Select one of the following courses: 4.0

BIO 110	Principles of Biology	
BIO 111	General Biology I	

Select 4.0 credits from the following courses: 4.0

AST 111	Descriptive Astronomy	
&	and Descriptive Astronomy Lab	

AST 151 &	General Astronomy I and General Astronomy I Lab	
CHM 151	General Chemistry I	
GEL 111	Geology	
PHY 110 &	Conceptual Physics and Conceptual Physics Lab	

Major Requirements

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 144	Child Development I	3.0
EDU 145	Child Development II	3.0
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3.0
EDU 151A	Creative Activities Lab	1.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3.0
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3.0
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3.0
EDU 280A	Literacy Experiences Lab	1.0
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4.0
EDU 216	Foundations of Education	3.0
EDU 250	Teacher Licensure Preparation	3.0
Total Credits		73

Early Childhood Education - Transfer Non-Licensure Track (A55220NL)**General Education Requirements**

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0

Select 3.0 credits from the following courses: 3.0

ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
DRA 111	Theatre Appreciation	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	

Transfer Speciality Areas

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	

Select one of the following courses: 3.0

ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIS 111	World Civilizations I	
HIS 112	World Civilizations II	
HIS 131	American History I	
HIS 132	American History II	

POL 120	American Government	
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	

Select one of the following courses: 4.0

BIO 110	Principles of Biology	
BIO 111	General Biology I	

Take 4.0 credits from the following courses: 4.0

AST 111 &	Descriptive Astronomy and Descriptive Astronomy Lab	
AST 151 &	General Astronomy I and General Astronomy I Lab	
CHM 151	General Chemistry I	
GEL 111	Geology	
PHY 110 &	Conceptual Physics and Conceptual Physics Lab	

Major Requirements

ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 144	Child Development I	3.0
EDU 145	Child Development II	3.0
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3.0
EDU 151A	Creative Activities Lab	1.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
EDU 221	Children With Exceptionalities	3.0
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3.0
EDU 280	Language and Literacy Experiences	3.0
EDU 280A	Literacy Experiences Lab	1.0
EDU 284	Early Childhood Capstone Practicum	4.0
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3.0
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3.0
Total Credits		73

No diplomas are offered in Early Childhood.**Early Childhood Education Certificates (C55220)**

- Early Childhood Education Certificate (p. 3) (C55220-C4) (p. 3) Specialization in Beginnings in Early Childhood Education - (p. 3) *For High School Juniors and Seniors Only*
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Early Childhood Education Certificate Specialization in Beginnings in Early Childhood Education (For High School Juniors and Seniors Only) (C55220-C4)**Major Requirements**

EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 144	Child Development I	3.0

EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
Total Credits		13

Early Childhood Education Transfer Non-licensure track suggested course sequence

School-Age Care Certificate (C55450)

Major Requirements

EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 158	Healthy Lifestyles-Youth	3.0
EDU 235	School-Age Development and Programs	3.0
EDU 263	School-Age Program Administration	2.0
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 145	Child Development II	3.0
Total Credits		17

Infant/Toddler Care Certificate (C55290)

Major Requirements

EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 144	Child Development I	3.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
EDU 234	Infants, Toddlers, and Twos	3.0
Total Credits		16

Early Childhood Administration (C55850)

Major Requirements

EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
EDU 261	Early Childhood Administration I	3.0
EDU 262	Early Childhood Administration II	3.0
Total Credits		16

Early Childhood Preschool (C55860)

Major Requirements

EDU 119	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.0
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3.0
EDU 145	Child Development II	3.0
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3.0
EDU 153	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
Total Credits		16

The following is the suggested plan for when to take each course to complete the Associate in Applied Science degree, based on the program requirements of the 2022-2023 catalog. This is only a recommendation — you may take courses in another order upon consultation with your advisor. This plan is based on you starting with college-level math and English courses, starting your program in the fall, and attending full-time. You can also follow this sequence if you attend part-time. Speak with an advisor about the plan and any questions. This program might also offer diplomas or certificates; visit the catalog or contact the program for details.

Early Childhood Education suggested course sequence

Early Childhood Education Birth-Kindergarten Transfer Teach Licensure suggested course sequence