

Early Childhood Education



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Certificate; A.A.S. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Certificate: 30 credits;
for Degree: 60 credits

This program prepares students for employment as early childhood and child care providers and improves the skills of those already employed in the field. Graduates pursue opportunities with child care centers, head start programs, early childhood education programs, child welfare service agencies, scouting services, staff training, program licensing and public school teacher aide programs. This program meets standards specified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and leads to state certification as an Early Childhood Education Associate II.

The certification program in early childhood is for students enrolling in college for the first time as well as for those who are educated in other subject areas but desire retraining for employment in this field. Through course work, students gain the knowledge and skills they need to pursue the field-based Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) and to meet state of Alaska requirements for employment as directors or teachers in licensed centers. Course work also fulfills minor or concentration requirements for degrees in other disciplines.

Students entering either the A.A.S. degree or certificate program should meet with an advisor to discuss a specific course of study. The required early childhood courses offered by any of the UAF campus sites may be used to meet graduation requirements for the certificate or degree.

An agreement between the UAF College of Rural Alaska and the University of Alaska Southeast allows students to take courses in early childhood education and obtain an A.A.S. degree via distance delivery. Students should contact their advisor for assistance with the selection of general education courses and electives that meet the degree requirements of their campus.

Certificate Program

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 76).
2. Complete the following certificate requirements:
 - a. Complete 1 of the following communication courses:
 - ENGL 111X—Introduction to Academic Writing..... 3
 - COMM 131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication:
 - Group Context..... 3
 - Public Context..... 3
 - COMM 141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication:
 - Public Context..... 3
 - b. Complete 1 of the following computation courses:
 - COS 116—Business Math Using Calculators..... 3
 - Any MATH course at the 100-level or above..... 3
 - c. Complete the following human relations course:
 - ECE 245—Child Development..... 3

3. Complete the following:
 - ECE 110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments (3)
 - or ECE 112—Healthy Learning Environment for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 113—Safe Environment for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 114—Learning Environment for Young Children (1)..... 3
 - ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children (4)
 - or ECE 121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)..... 4
 - ECE 140—Positive Social Development (3)
 - or ECE 141—Class Management (1)
 - and ECE 142—Social Development of the Young Child (1)
 - and ECE 143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children (1)..... 3
 - ECE 170—Practicum I* (3)
 - or ECE 171—Program Management (1)
 - and ECE 172—Professionalism (1)
 - and ECE 170—Practicum I* (1)..... 3
 - ECE 205—Overview of Early Childhood Profession..... 3
 - ECE 221—Young Child and the Family 1
 - ECE electives approved by advisor..... 4
4. Minimum credits required 30

* Students holding a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) may enroll in ECE 170—Practicum I for 1 credit. Students without a CDA must enroll for 3 credits.

Major—A.A.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 76).
2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements (page 79).
3. Complete the following:
 - ECE 110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments (3)
 - or ECE 112—Healthy Learning Environment for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 113—Safe Environment for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 114—Learning Environment for Young Children (1)..... 3
 - ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children (4)
 - or ECE 121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE 124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)..... 4
 - ECE 130—Culture, Learning and the Young Child 2
 - ECE 140—Positive Social Development (3)
 - or ECE 141—Class Management (1)
 - and ECE 142—Social Development of the Young Child (1)
 - and ECE 143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children (1)..... 3
 - ECE 170—Practicum I** (3)
 - or ECE 171—Program Management (1)
 - and ECE 172—Professionalism (1)
 - and ECE 170—Practicum I** (1)..... 3
 - ECE 205—Overview of Early Childhood Profession..... 3

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ECE 210—Child Guidance	3
ECE 220—Infant and Toddler Care	2
ECE 221—Young Child and the Family	1
ECE 230—Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
ECE 245—Child Development	3
Electives approved by advisor	15
4. Minimum credits required	60

** Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.*

*** Students holding a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) may enroll in ECE 170—Practicum I for 1 credit. Students without a CDA must enroll for 3 credits.*

Minor

1. Complete the following:	
ECE 110—Safety, Health and Learning Environments	3
ECE 120—Curriculum and Activities for Young Children	4
ECE 130—Culture, Learning and the Young Child	2
ECE 140—Positive Social Development	3
ECE 245—Child Development	3
Complete 1 upper-division ECE elective	3
2. Minimum credits required	18

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004-2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.