

# 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 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 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 early childhood 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 and Community Development and the University of Alaska Southeast allows students in rural locations 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. The courses for the certificate and A.A.S. degree lay the foundation for the B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies.

## Certificate Program

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 86).
2. Complete the following certificate requirements:
  - a. Complete one of the following communication courses:
    - ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing .....3
    - COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication:
      - Group Context.....3
      - COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication:
        - Public Context.....3
  - b. Complete one of the following computation courses:
    - ECE F117—Math Skills for Early Childhood Educators.....3
    - Any MATH course at the F100-level or above.....3
  - c. Complete the following human relations course:\*
    - ECE F245—Child Development .....3
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:\*
  - ECE F101—Introduction to Early Childhood Profession.....3
  - ECE F111—Nutrition for Young Children.....1
  - ECE F110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments (3)
    - or ECE F112—Healthy Learning Environments for Young Children (1)
      - and ECE F113—Safe Environments for Young Children (1)
        - and ECE F114—Learning Environments for Young Children (1) .....3
    - ECE F120A—Curriculum I (3)
      - or ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practice (1)
        - and ECE F121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)
          - and ECE F123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1) .....3
      - ECE F120B—Curriculum II (3)
        - or ECE F122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)
          - and ECE F124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)
            - and ECE F125—Math Activities (1) .....3
      - ECE F132—Young Child and the Family.....1
      - ECE F140—Positive Social Development (3)
        - or ECE F141—Class Management (1)
          - and ECE F142—Social Development of the Young Child (1)
            - and ECE F143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children (1) .....3
        - ECE F170—Practicum I\*\* (3)
          - or ECE F171—Program Management (1)
            - and ECE F172—Professionalism (1)
              - and ECE F173—Reflective Teaching (1) .....3
          - Elective credit .....1
        - 4. Minimum credits required.....30

\* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course.  
 \*\* Students holding a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) may enroll in ECE F170—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 86).
2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements. (See page 90. As part of the A.A.S. degree requirement, complete ECE F117 or CIOS F116 or any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences for the computation requirement, and ECE F245\* for the human relations requirement.)
3. Complete the following:\*
  - ECE F101—Introduction to Early Childhood Profession.....3
  - ECE F111—Nutrition for Young Children.....1
  - ECE F110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments (3)  
or ECE F112—Healthy Learning Environments for Young Children (1)  
and ECE F113—Safe Environments for Young Children (1)  
and ECE F114—Learning Environments for Young Children (1).....3
  - ECE F120A—Curriculum I (3)  
or ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practice (1)  
and ECE F121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)  
and ECE F123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1).....3
  - ECE F120B—Curriculum II (3)  
or ECE F122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)  
and ECE F124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)  
and ECE F125—Math Activities (1).....3
  - ECE F130—Culture, Learning and the Young Child.....2
  - ECE F140—Positive Social Development (3)  
or ECE F141—Class Management (1)  
and ECE F142—Social Development of the Young Child (1)  
and ECE F143—Developing Positive Self-Concepts in Young Children (1).....3
  - ECE F170—Practicum I\*\* (3)  
or ECE F171—Program Management (1)  
and ECE F172—Professionalism (1)  
and ECE F173—Reflective Teaching\*\* (1).....3
  - ECE F210—Child Guidance.....3
  - ECE F220—Infant and Toddler Care.....3
  - ECE F230—Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)  
or ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs (3).....3
  - ECE F270—Practicum II.....3
  - Complete a 3 credit course on families. Options include HUMS F140, SOC F242, ECE F301, ECE F342 or other advisor approved family course.....3
  - Electives approved by advisor.....9
4. Minimum credits required.....60

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

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**Minor**

1. Complete the following:
    - ECE F101—Introduction to Early Childhood Profession.....3
  2. Complete 15 ECE credits, including a minimum of 6 upper-division ECE credits and excluding special topics (ECE X93) or current issue (ECE F249) courses.....15\*
  3. Minimum credits required.....18
- \* Students majoring in the B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies may not use courses in the major to meet the requirements for the minor.

