

Early Childhood Education

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Certificate; A.A.S. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Certificate: 31 – 34 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 92).
2. Complete the following certificate requirements:
 - a. Complete the following communication courses:
ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....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)
 - or ABUS F154—Human Relations.....3

3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
 - ECE F101—Introduction to Early Childhood Profession.....3
 - ECE F118—Nutrition, Health, and Safety (3)
 - or ECE F111—Nutrition (1)
 - and ECE F112—Healthy Environments for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE F113—Safe Environments for Young Children (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
4. Complete 6 credits of child development classes, birth through age 8, from the following, or other advisor-approved credits:
 - ECE F220—Infant and Toddler Care (3)
 - and ECE F245—Child Development (3)
 - or ECE F104—Child Development I: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (3)
 - and ECE F107—Child Development II: Preschool and the Primary Years (3)6
5. Complete 6 credits of curriculum from the following or other advisor-approved credits:
 - 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)
 - and 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)
 - or ECE F127—Language and Creative Expression (3)
 - or ECE F121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE F123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE F124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE F128—Thinking, Reasoning and Discovery (3)
 - or ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practices (1)
 - and ECE F122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)
 - and ECE F125—Math Activities (1).....6
6. Complete 3 credits of practicum and reflection from the following or other advisor-approved credits:
 - ECE F170—Practicum I*** (1-3)
 - or ECE F171—Program Management (1)
 - and ECE F172—Professionalism (1)
 - and ECE F173—Reflective Teaching (1)
 - or ECE F115—Responsive and Reflective Teaching (3).....3
7. Minimum credits required 31-34

- * Only students taking ECE F104 and ECE F107 towards a degree should take ABUS F154 to meet Human Relations requirement.
- ** 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 2 credits. Students without a CDA must enroll for 3 credits.

Major — A.A.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 92).
2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements. (See page 96. As part of the A.A.S. degree requirement, complete ECE F117 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 F118—Nutrition, Health and Safety (3)
 or ECE F111—Nutrition (1)
 and ECE F112—Healthy Environments for Young Children (1)
 and ECE F113—Safe Environments for Young Children (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 F210—Child Development and Guidance3
ECE F235—Screening, Assessment and Recording.....2
ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs3
ECE F242—Child and Family Ecology3
 or ECE F301, ECE F342, or other advisor approved family
ECE F270—Practicum II3
4. Complete 6 credits of child development birth through age 8 from the following or advisor approved**:
ECE F220—Infant and Toddler Care (3)
 and ECE F245—Child Development (3)
or ECE F104—Child Development I: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (3)
 and ECE F107—Child Development II: Preschool and the Primary Years (3)6
5. Complete 6 credits of curriculum from the following or advisor approved**:
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)
and 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)
or ECE F127—Language and Creative Expression (3)
 or ECE F121—Physical Activities for Young Children (1)
 and ECE F123—Language and Literature Activities for Young Children (1)
 and ECE F124—Creative Activities for Young Children (1)
and ECE F128—Thinking, Reasoning and Discovery (3)
 or ECE F105—Developmentally Appropriate Practices (1)
 and ECE F122—Cognitive Activities for Young Children (1)
 and ECE F125—Math Activities (1)6

6. Complete 3 credits of practicum and reflection from the following or advisor approved**:
ECE F170—Practicum I*** (3)
 or ECE F171—Program Management (1)
 and ECE F172—Professionalism (1)
 and ECE F173—Reflective Teaching (1)
or ECE F115—Responsive and Reflective Teaching (3).....3
7. Electives approved by advisor..... 7-10
ECE F271—Seminar (1) – Recommended
8. Minimum credits required60

* Only students taking ECE F104 and ECE F107 towards a degree should take ABUS F154 to meet Human Relations requirement.

** 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 2 credits. Students without a CDA must enroll for 3 credits.

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 required18
- * 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.

All degrees (e.g. Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., A.S., etc) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Certificate Requirements

COMMUNICATION (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F111X.....	(3)	_____
ABUS F170	(3)	_____
ABUS F271	(3)	_____
ENGL F211X.....	(3)	_____
ENGL F212	(3)	_____
ENGL F213X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F131X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F141X.....	(3)	_____
DEVS F104	(1 – 3)	_____
DEVS F105	(3)	_____

Other program-approved discipline-based communication course or discipline-based courses with embedded communication content. (2 – 3)

* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

COMPUTATION (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....	(3)	_____
ABUS F155	(3)	_____
DEVM F105.....	(3)	_____
ECE F117	(3)	_____
HLTH F116	(3)	_____
HUMS F117.....	(3)	_____
PRT F155.....	(3)	_____
TTCH F131	(3)	_____

Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (2 – 3)

HUMAN RELATIONS (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X	(3)	_____
ABUS F154	(3)	_____
ANL F287	(3)	_____
ECE F245	(3)	_____
ED/PSY F245	(3)	_____
HLTH F106	(3)	_____
HUMS F120.....	(3)	_____
RHS F110	(1)	_____
AND RHS F115	(2)	_____

Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (2 – 3)

MAJOR SPECIALTY CREDITS (minimum)..... 21

Minimum credits for required certificate..... 30

Associate of Applied Science Requirements

COMMUNICATION (9)

ENGL F111X.....	(3)	_____
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Complete one of the following:

ABUS F271	(3)	_____
ENGL F211X.....	(3)	_____
ENGL F212	(3)	_____
ENGL F213X.....	(3)	_____

* ENGL F212 does not fulfill the second half of the written communication requirement for the bachelor's degree.

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X.....	(3)	_____
COMM F141X.....	(3)	_____

COMPUTATION (3)

Complete one of the following:

Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....	(3)	_____
ABUS F155	(3)	_____
DEVM F105.....	(3)	_____
ECE F117	(3)	_____
HLTH F116	(3)	_____
HUMS F117.....	(3)	_____
PRT F155.....	(3)	_____
TTCH F131	(3)	_____

Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. (3)

HUMAN RELATIONS (2-3)

Complete one of the following:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X	(3)	_____
ABUS F154	(3)	_____
ANL F287	(3)	_____
ECE F245	(3)	_____
ED/PSY F245	(3)	_____
HLTH F106	(3)	_____
HUMS F120.....	(3)	_____
RHS F110	(1)	_____
AND RHS F115	(2)	_____

Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content. (3)

MAJOR SPECIALTY CREDITS (minimum)..... 30

Minimum credits required for degree 60



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