

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

College of Rural and Community Development  
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## Certificate; A.A.S. Degree

**The certificate program is presently suspended.**

Minimum Requirements 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.

This 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 meet state of Alaska requirements for employment as directors or teachers in licensed centers, as well as aids in elementary schools. Course work also fulfills minor or concentration requirements for degrees in other disciplines.

Students entering the A.A.S. degree 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 degree.

The courses for the A.A.S. degree lay the foundation for the B.A. in child development and family studies.

## Major — A.A.S. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 110).
  2. Complete the A.A.S. degree requirements. (See page 110. 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 F107 for the human relations requirement.)
  3. Complete the following:\*
    - ECE F101—Introduction to Early Childhood Profession.....3
    - ECE F104—Child Development I: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers...3
    - ECE F110—Safe, Healthy, Learning Environments .....3
    - ECE F119—Curriculum I: Principles and Practices.....3
    - ECE F213—Curriculum II: Thinking, Reasoning and Discovering (3)
      - or ECE F214—Curriculum III: Infants and Toddlers (3) .....3
    - ECE F229—Foundations in Nutrition and Physical Wellness.....3
    - ECE F140—Positive Social and Emotional Development .....3
    - ECE F170—Practicum I (3)
      - or ECE F115—Responsive and Reflective Teaching (3) .....3
      - or ECE F299—Practicum for CDAs (3).....3
    - ECE F210—Child Guidance .....3
    - ECE F235—Screening, Assessment and Recording .....2
    - ECE F230—Introduction to Children with Special Needs (3)
      - or ECE F240—Inclusion of Children with Special Needs (3) .....3
    - ECE F242—Child and Family Ecology (3)
      - or ECE F342—Family Relationships (3)
      - or other advisor-approved family class.....3
    - ECE F270—Practicum II .....3
  4. Complete 7 credits as designated by an ECE advisor/coordinator...7
  5. Minimum credits required .....60
- \* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

## 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 F-93) and current issue (ECE F249) courses. .... 15
3. Minimum credits required ..... 18

## Certificate Requirements

### Communication . . . . . 2-3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing..... (3)
- ABUS F170—Business English.....(3)
- ABUS F271—Business Communications .....(3)
- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing\* .....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences .....(3)
- COMM F121X—Introduction to Interpersonal Communication .....(3)
- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context .....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3) or successful completion of competency test
- DEVS F104—University Communications.....(1-3)
- DEVS F105—Intensive Reading Development .....(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 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- Any course at the F100-level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....(3)
- ABUS F155—Business Math.....(3)
- DEVM F105—Intermediate Algebra .....(3)
- ECE F117—Math Skills for Early Childhood Educators.....(3)
- HLTH F116—Mathematics in Health Care .....(3)
- HUMS F117—Math Skills for Human Services .....(3)
- TTCH F131—Mathematics for the Trades .....(3)
- Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based courses with embedded computation content. ....(2-3)

### Human Relations . . . . . 2-3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture (s).....(3)
- ABUS F154—Human Relations .....(3)
- ANL F287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages (h).....(3)
- ECE F104—Child Development: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (s) .....(3)
- ECE F107—Child Development II: Preschool and Primary Years (s) .....(3)
- ED/PSY F245—Child Development (s) .....(3)
- HLTH F106—Human Behavior in Health Care (s).....(3)
- HUMS F120—Cultural Diversity in Human Services.....(3)
- RHS F110—Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills (1) AND  
RHS F115—Issues of Personal Development .....(2)
- Other program-approved discipline-based human relations or discipline-based courses with embedded human relations content.....(2-3)

Major specialty .....at least 21 Credits

Electives to total ..... 30 Credits

## Associate of Applied Science Requirements

### Written Communication . . . . . 6 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- ABUS F271—Business Communications .....(3)
- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F212—Business, Grant and Report Writing\* .....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences .....(3)

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

### Oral Communication . . . . . 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F121X—Introduction to Interpersonal Communication .....(3)
- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context .....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3) or successful completion of competency test

### Computation . . . . . 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- Any course at the F100 level or above in mathematical sciences (computer science, math or statistics).....(3)
- ABUS F155—Business Math.....(3)
- DEVM F105—Intermediate Algebra .....(3)
- ECE F117—Math Skills for Early Childhood Educators.....(3)
- HLTH F116—Mathematics in Health Care .....(3)
- HUMS F117—Math Skills for Human Services .....(3)
- TTCH F131—Mathematics for the Trades .....(3)
- Other program-approved discipline-based computation course or discipline-based course with embedded computation content.....(3)

### Human Relations . . . . . 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture (s) .....(3)
- ABUS F154—Human Relations .....(3)
- ANL F287—Teaching Methods for Alaska Native Languages (h).....(3)
- ECE F104—Child Development: Prenatal, Infants and Toddlers (s) .....(3)
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RHS F115—Issues of Personal Development .....(2)
- Other program-approved discipline-based human relations course or discipline-based course with embedded human relations content.....(3)

Major specialty .....at least 30 Credits

Electives to total ..... 60 Credits

Minimum credits required for degree ..... 60 Credits

