

Early Childhood Care and Education EC13

Type

Associate of Applied Science, AAS

The Early Childhood Care and Education associate of applied science degree program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers, Head Start, Georgia Pre-K programs, and elementary school paraprofessional positions. Graduates of this program will receive one of five areas of specialization: exceptionalities, infant/toddler, program administration, paraprofessional/school age, or family child care.

Program Approval

The Early Childhood Care and Education program is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

External Standards

Though not an external accrediting agency, Bright from the Start (BFTS) determines and approves the credentials of childcare workers in Georgia. TCSG works closely with BFTS to make sure its programs meet the training needs required for approved credentials of early childcare teachers and professionals. To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check. Students should check with the college and employers for details. The Early Childhood Care and Education, Degree program must conform to the institutional accreditation requirements of the Council on Occupational Education (COE) or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (COC). To work in a childcare field, an employee must pass a criminal background check. Students should check with the college and employers for details.

Other Conditions for Admission

Criminal background checks and drug screens may be required based on the requirements for participation on clinical experiences.

Area I - Language Arts/Communications

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------|
| ENGL 1101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| ENGL 1102 | Literature and Composition | 3 |
| SPCH 1101 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| COMM 1109 | Human Communication | 3 |

Area II - Social/Behavioral Sciences

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| PSYC 1101 | Introductory Psychology | 3 |
| SOCI 1101 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |

Area III - Natural Sciences/Mathematics

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| MATH 1101 | Mathematical Modeling | 3 |
| MATH 1111 | College Algebra | 3 |
| MATH 1103 | Quantitative Skills & Reasoning | 3 |

Area IV - Humanities/Fine Arts

| Item # | Title | Credits |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------|
| ARTS 1101 | Art Appreciation | 3 |
| ENGL 2110 | World Literature | 3 |
| ENGL 2130 | American Literature | 3 |
| HUMN 1101 | Introduction to Humanities | 3 |
| MUSC 1101 | Music Appreciation | 3 |
| THEA 1101 | Theater Appreciation | 3 |
| RELG 1101 | World Religion | 3 |
| SPAN 1101 | Introduction to Spanish | 3 |

Specific General Education Core Elective (3 hrs)

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| | Specific General Education Core Elective (3 hrs) | 3 |

Occupational Courses

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| COMP 1000 | Introduction to Computer Literacy | 3 |
| ECCE 1101 | Introduction to ECCE | 3 |
| ECCE 1103 | Child Growth and Development | 3 |
| ECCE 1105 | Health, Safety and Nutrition | 3 |
| ECCE 1112 | Curriculum and Assessment | 3 |
| ECCE 1113 | Creative Activities for Child | 3 |
| ECCE 1121 | ECCE Practicum | 3 |
| ECCE 2115 | Language Arts and Literacy | 3 |
| ECCE 2116 | Math and Science | 3 |
| ECCE 2201 | Exceptionalities | 3 |
| ECCE 2202 | Social Issues & Family Involvement | 3 |
| ECCE 2203 | Guidance & Classroom Management | 3 |

Internship

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| ECCE 2245 | Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I | 6 |
| ECCE 2246 | Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II | 6 |

Paraprofessional Specialization

| Item # | Title | Credits |
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| ECCE 2310 | Paraprofessional Methods & Materials | 3 |
| ECCE 2312 | Paraprofessional Roles & Practices | 3 |
| | Minimum Credit Hours for Graduation | 66 |