

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE, A.A.S.

The **Early Childhood Education and Care program** prepares students to enter the early childhood education and early childhood field. Students acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to work with infants, toddlers, preschool-age and school-age children. Jobs for degree and certificate graduates are widely available in child care centers, preschools, park districts and public schools. This degree program requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, electives and general education in the courses listed below.

For more information about Early Childhood Education and Care, please visit the program page (<http://www.cod.edu/ecec/>).

Degree Requirements

Field of Study Code: ECEC.AAS

Code	Title	Credits
Program Requirements		
ECEC 1100	Intro to the Early Childhood Profession	3
ECEC 1101	Growth & Development of the Young Child	3
ECEC 1102	Child Guidance Practices	3
ECEC 1130	Methods: Discovery & the Physical World	3
ECEC 1140	Methods: Self-Expression & Social World	3
ECEC 1151	Language and Literacy Development in a Diverse Classroom	3
ECEC 2211	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECEC 2220	Early Childhood Education Practicum	4
ECEC 2251	Curriculum Planning for the Young Child	3
ECEC 2252	Child/Family/Community Relations & Resources	3
ECEC 2260	Early Childhood Professional	3
Program Electives		
Select four credits in Early Childhood Education and Care courses ¹		4
Electives		
Select from any 1000- or 2000-level courses ¹		5-6
General Education		
Select 21 credits ¹		21
Total Credits		64-65

¹ In addition to the courses listed above.

General Education Requirements

For general education requirements for the A.A.S. degree, please visit the A.A.S. degree catalog page (<https://catalog.cod.edu/associate-degree-programs/associate-applied-science-degree/>).