

## Early Childhood Education Associates of Applied Science Degree

Full time, Fall Start

[www.pima.edu/early-childhood-aas](http://www.pima.edu/early-childhood-aas)

Learn to excel at caring for and educating young children through this flexible, high-quality program. Students planning to transfer to a four-year university should pursue either the Early Childhood Education pathway or Elementary Education concentration of the Associate of Arts degree.

Become a teacher's aide, lead teacher or director of a pre-school center, or open your own home child care center. Degree completion meets the criteria for the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Career Lattice Level E.

**Title IV Financial Aid eligible:** Yes

### What can I do with this degree?

**Career options:** Completing this program can lead to employment in a variety of different careers. Here are some examples of occupations related to this program with associated Pima County-based annual median wages. Some careers may require additional education or training. Source: EMSI

**Academic options:** This program may apply toward a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS). See an advisor.

### ***CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WITH YOUR COLLEGE ADVISOR***

### Placement

Students must meet prerequisite standards before taking WRT 101, required in the pathway below. If you are not prepared for these courses based on placement results you will need to take courses to build your skills prior to taking them. The sequence of courses follows.

Reading: ACL 080 > REA 091

Writing: ACL 080 > WRT 090 > WRT 101 (or WRT 101S can replace both WRT 090 and WRT 101)

### Semester Pathway

This pathway is a suggested sequence of courses for your program of study. Work with an advisor to develop a unique pathway for you based on your placement recommendations, any prior college courses, and your specific situation.

**General Education Note:** When General Education (Gen. Ed.) credits are listed below, select from the appropriate General Education course list linked from the program website. Some programs recommend specific courses.

For this pathway, ensure that one Gen. Ed. course fulfills the C or G requirement.

#### **Semester 1 - Fall (Semester Total: 14 credits)**

**CSA 100:** Computer Literacy (1 credit)

**ECE 117:** Child Growth and Development (3 credits)

**ECE 118:** Foundations of Early Childhood Education (3 credits) or CDA 102: The Child's Total Learning Environment (1 credit) and CDA 121: Techniques for Observing Children (1 credit) and CDA 271: Professionalism in Childcare (1 credit)

**MAT 106:** Elementary Data Analysis with Spreadsheets (3 credits)

**STU 100:** Student Success and Career Planning (1 credit)

**WRT 101:** English Composition I (3 credits)

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**Semester 2 – Spring (Semester Total: 17 credits)**

**ECE 115:** Nutrition, Health, and Safety for the Young Child (3 credits)

**ECE 226:** Positive Child Guidance (3 credits)

**ECE 228:** The Young Child: Family, Culture, and Community (3 credits)

**ECE 240:** Assessment of Young Children (3 credits)

**WRT 102:** English Composition II (3 credits)

**ECE/CDA electives:** 2 credits from: ECE 107, 108, 129, 136, CDA 103, 112, 138, 155, CDA 161, 170, 173, or 222

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**Semester 3 – Fall (Semester Total: 16 credits)**

**ECE 125:** Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Young Child (3 credits)

**ECE 211:** Inclusion of Young Children with Special Needs (3 credits)

**ECE 248:** Early Childhood Curriculum (3 credits)

**Gen. Ed:** CTE Arts & Humanities List. Recommend ART 105: Exploring Art and Visual Culture (3 credits)

**AGEC:** Biological and Physical Science Course. Recommend: BIO 105IN: Environmental Biology (4 credits)

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**Semester 4 – Spring (Semester Total: 13 credits)**

**ECE 292:** Early Childhood Education: Theory to Practice (4 credits)

**ECE/CDA electives:** 6 credits from: ECE 107, 108, 129, 136, CDA 103, 112, 138, 155, CDA 161, 170, 173, or 222

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**PROGRAM TOTAL: 60 credits**

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Program/Major/Concentration Codes: **AASECS/9ECS**

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