

Area of Interest: Education

Degree: Early Childhood Education, Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Stackable Certificate: Early Childhood Education

College Catalog: [2024-2025](#)



Program Location: All Campuses & Online

Program Description: The Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree prepares competent early childhood professionals for working with young children and families. The degree prepares students by providing opportunities to gain specialized knowledge and implement best practices in early childhood settings. This Degree is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation.

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Area of Interest Website: [Education - Central Arizona College \(centralaz.edu\)](#)

Legend

Bold Course=Required Course Recommended Course (R) Stackable Certificate (SC)

AGEC Course list (Arizona General Education Curriculum) and other degree requirements.

Written Communication (WC)	Oral Communication (OC)	Arts/Humanities (AH)	Social/Behavioral Science (SB)
Lab Science (LS)	Mathematics (M)	Core Course (CC)	Elective (E)

Semester 1

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
R	WC	ENG121 Applied Technical Writing	3		
R	M	BUS101 Business Math	3		
SC	CC	ECE105 Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3		
SC	CC	ECE110 Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3		
SC	CC	ECE116 Effective Interactions & Guidance	3		
		Semester Credits:	15	Meet with your CAC advisor each semester!	

Semester 2

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	OC	Select an AGEC Oral Communication course	3		
SC	CC	ECE216 Early Childhood Observation & Assessment	3		
SC	CC	ECE271 Creating Early Childhood Environments	3		
SC	CC	ECE276 Child Development	3		
SC	CC	ECE283 Building Family & Community Partnerships	3		
		Semester Credits	15	Research career resources and opportunities!	

Semester 3

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	AH	Select an AGEC Art & Humanities course	3		
	SB	Select an AGEC Social & Behavioral Science course	3		
	LS	Select an AGEC Biological & Physical Sciences course	4		

	CC	ECE278 Early Childhood Curriculum Development	3		
R	E	ECE254 Emergent Language & Literacy	3		
Semester Credits:			16	Apply for graduation and attend career events!	

Semester 4

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	CC	ECE229 Early Childhood Practicum	4		
R	E	ECE280 Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	3		
R	E	ECE124 Active Learning in Math & Science	3		
	E	Any Elective course	3		
	E	Any Elective course (if needed)	1		
Semester Credits:			14	Finish strong-don't get distracted before finals!	
Total Degree Credits:			60		
Total Certificate Credits:			21		

Arizona Resident Tuition for 2024-2025 is \$75 per credit hour, see [Paying for College](#). Financial aid may be available

Career Information

CAC Career Center: centralaz.edu/career FREE CAC career resources and assistance.

O*NET OnLine: Visit onetonline.org and search for:

Occupations in Early Childhood Education, including:

- Education needed for specific occupations
- Occupation tasks, knowledge, skills and abilities
- Salary/wages for specific occupations (\$)

Transfer Information

CAC University Transfer Center: centralaz.edu/transfer FREE CAC transfer resources and assistance.

[AZTransfer Early Childhood Education Major Guide](#) has a list of transfer programs at ASU, NAU, or UA.

Note: Use this Program MAP as a guide to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program. Work with an advisor to customize your plan to align with your specific career and/or transfer goals.

Part-Time Students: Plans can be modified to fit the need of part-time students by adding more semesters.

Student Name:	Advisor Name:
Student ID Number: 880	Date: