

## AS Early Childhood Education

ECE. 366	Practicum in Early Childhood Education	3 units
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The Education and Human Development program is designed to meet the needs of people planning for a career working with children from birth through school-age. Students in the program focus on current research, practical application and critical thinking in professional care settings. Children's growth, developmentally appropriate practice, cultural diversity, observational skills, family support and professional development within the various fields of education and human development are major components of the program.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Education and Human Development program with the ECE certificate are prepared for positions in the Early Care and Education field as teachers, family child care providers and para professionals in elementary school settings. Graduates with an ECE AS degree are prepared for positions as head teachers, master teachers, and site supervisors.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Communicate their understanding of education and human development concepts through written, oral and visual presentations in various professional and academic contexts.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of education and human development theories, trends and needs of young children by developing and maintaining healthy, safe, respectful, challenging and culturally responsive learning environments.
3. Critically assess their own teaching and learning experiences through critical thinking and reflection that will guide and inform their practice.

### AS Degree Requirements

#### Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Complete Core Courses, 27 units		Units
ECE. 201	Child Development	3 units
ECE. 210	Early Childhood Education Principles	3 units
ECE. 211	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3 units
ECE. 212	Child, Family, and Community	3 units
ECE. 254	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3 units
ECE. 260	Children with Special Needs	3 units
ECE. 313	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3 units
ECE. 333	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	3 units

***And required General Education coursework and electives as needed to meet the minimum 60 units required for the Associate degree.***

