

# Early Childhood Education, AAS

## Program Description

The FSHD Department offers an AAS degree in Early Childhood Education as well an AA/AS. The AAS requires fewer GE classes. All classes for this degree are offered online except for a required science class. Experience both academic theory and hands-on application through a series of classes, lab experiences and practicum to develop an understanding of physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children and acquire skill in planning and implementing programs that promote development. The program prepares you to work in a variety of early childhood education settings including child care centers, nursery schools, Head Start programs, school-age child care programs, and family day care homes. The Early Childhood Education AAS/AS/AA degree prepares students for employment as teachers in childhood programs and para-professionals in public school preschools. This degree can also prepare you to move into an Elementary Education Bachelors Degree.

## Program Curriculum

### 63 credits

| Code  | Title   | Hours |
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| <b>General Education Requirements</b>                                 |   |       |
| ENGL 1010<br>or ENGL 1010D  | Introduction to Writing (EN)<br>Introduction to Writing (EN)  | 3     |
| ENGL 2010   | Intern Writing Selected Topics: (EN)  | 3     |
| Complete one of the following Mathematics GE courses:                 |   |       |
| MATH 1030<br>or MATH 1040<br>or MATH 1050                             | Quantitative Reasoning (MA)<br>Introduction to Statistics (MA)<br>College Algebra / Pre-Calculus (MA) | 3-4   |
| Complete the following:   |   |       |
| FSHD 1020   | Sci Foundations of Nutrition (LS)   | 3     |
| Complete one of the following Social & Behavioral Sciences GE courses |   |       |
| FSHD 1500<br>or PSY 1100  | Human Development Lifespan (SS, GC)<br>Human Development Through Lifespan (SS, GC)                    | 3     |
| <b>Code Title Hours</b>   |   |       |
| <b>Core Discipline Requirements</b>                                   |   |       |
| EDUC 2010   | Intro to Exceptional Learners   | 3     |
| EDUC 2400   | Foundations Multicultural/ESL (SS, GC, ALCI)  | 3     |
| FSHD 2120   | Infant and Child Nutrition  | 3     |
| FSHD 2180   | Partnering With Parents   | 2     |
| FSHD 2500   | Child Devel - Birth to Eight  | 3     |
| FSHD 2600   | Intro to Early Childhood Educ   | 3     |
| FSHD 2610   | Child Guidance Based on Developmental Theory  | 3     |
| FSHD 2620   | Designing Integrated Curriculum with Play   | 3     |
| FSHD 2630   | Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood   | 3     |
| FSHD 2880   | Practicum Early Childhood Educ  | 3     |
| <b>Elective Courses</b>   |   |       |
| Complete 15 - 24 credits of electives                                 |   |       |
| Recommended electives:  |   |       |
| FSHD 2400   | Family Relationships (SS, GC)   | 3     |
| BUS 1010  | Introduction to Business  | 3     |
| XSCI 1543   | First Aid / Resp Emergencies  | 3     |
| EDUC 1010   | Foundations/Intro to Education  | 3     |

## **Graduation Requirements**

1. Complete a minimum of 63 college-level credits (1000 and above)
2. Complete at least 20 semester hours of credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
3. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
4. All Core Discipline Required Courses must be completed with a C- or higher.