

Preschool - Grade 3 Education, Associate in Arts

The Preschool to Grade 3 Education degree prepares students to work with children in early childhood centers and social service agencies. It provides the student with approved academic training for group teacher positions in state-licensed child care facilities. This program also provides a foundation of courses suitable for students interested in certification in early childhood education at a bachelor's degree level. Transfer requirements (including Praxis Core) of the four-year college must be satisfied for admittance into that college and its teacher certification program.

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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Analyze major theories of child development with emphasis on similarities and differences and the interaction of the four learning domains and models from infancy through age eight;
- Evaluate family and community characteristics in relation to their role in the economic, political and cultural institutions of society;
- Apply the goals, benefits and uses of assessment using observation, documentation and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches;
- Recognize and apply effective approaches, strategies and tools to positively influence children's development and learning;
- Articulate and uphold ethical standards and other professional guidelines and engage in informed advocacy for children and the profession;
- Document children's development and apply the documentation to curriculum development.

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General Education Courses

When a course is not specified, refer to the list of approved General Education courses.

Communication

Course #	Title	Credits
ENGL101	Composition I	3
ENGL102	Composition II	3
	Choose: COMM110 or COMM120 (3 credits)	3

Mathematics-Science-Technology

Course #	Title	Credits
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
	General Education Science Course (Physical Science: CHEM, ESCI or PHYS) (4 credits)	4

Social Science

Course #	Title	Credits
EDUC/PSYC110	Child Development: Theory and Practice	4
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3

Humanities

* Select SPAN111 if you plan to transfer to Rutgers.

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: ARTS103, ARTS108, ARTS109, ARTS115, DANC170, MUSC100, SPAN111 or THEA110 (3 credits)*	3
	Choose: ENGL104, ENGL201, ENGL205, ENGL206, ENGL213 or ENGL214 (3 credits)	3

History

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3

Diversity

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: GEOG102 or GEOG110 (3 credits)	3

Program Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
EDUC101	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
CDCC/EDUC103	Roles of the Early Childhood Professional	2
CDCC/EDUC115	Planning the Preschool Curriculum	3
CDCC/EDUC252	Early Childhood Practicum	3
PSYC/EDUC213	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC220	Field Placement in Educational Psychology	1
EDUC/PSYC226	Psychology of Exceptionality	3
PSYC140	Principles of Guidance for Parents and Teachers	3

Technological Competency: 0-4 Credits

(Is fulfilled with CISM125, CISM132, testing or reviewed departmental portfolio.)

Total Credits	60
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Recommended Sequence of Courses

First Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
CDCC/EDUC103	Roles of the Early Childhood Professional	2
EDUC/PSYC110	Child Development: Theory and Practice	4
ENGL101	Composition I	3
	General Education Science Course (Physical Science: CHEM, ESCI or PHYS) (4 credits)	4

Second Semester

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Course #	Title	Credits
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
CDCC/EDUC115	Planning the Preschool Curriculum	3
ENGL102	Composition II	3
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3
	Choose: ARTS103, ARTS108, ARTS109, ARTS115, DANC170, MUSC100, SPAN111 or THEA110 (3 credits)*	3

Third Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC/EDUC213	Educational Psychology	3
EDUC220	Field Placement in Educational Psychology	1
PSYC140	Principles of Guidance for Parents and Teachers	3
	Choose: ENGL104, ENGL201, ENGL205, ENGL206, ENGL213 or ENGL214 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: COMM110 or COMM120 (3 credits)	3

Fourth Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
EDUC101	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
CDCC/EDUC252	Early Childhood Practicum	3
PSYC/EDUC226	Psychology of Exceptionality	3
	Choose: HIST101, HIST102, HIST103 or HIST104 (3 credits)	3
	Choose: GEOG102 or GEOG110 (3 credits)	3