

Early Childhood Education, AA/AS

Program Description

The FSHD Department offers an AA/AS degree in Early Childhood Education. 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 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

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
Exploration		3-5

Code	Title	Hours
Associate of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement		3-8

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits numbered 1000 or above in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page¹
- Complete a 1020 or higher foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)
- Receive 8 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000
- Receive 8 transfer credits GEFL 1000 (grade C or higher) in a language not currently taught at Utah Tech

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)
- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

¹ General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#foreignlanguage requirementstext)

Core Discipline Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
EDUC 2010	Intro to Exceptional Learners	3
EDUC 2400	Foundations Multicultural/ESL (SS, GC, ALCI)	3
FSHD 1020	Sci Foundations of Nutrition (LS)	3
FSHD 1500	Human Development Lifespan (SS, GC)	3
or PSY 1100	Human Development Through Lifespan (SS, GC)	
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
ENGL 2330	Children's Literature (HU, GC)	3
or HUM 1010	Humanities Through the Arts (HU, GC)	
HIST 1700	American History (AI)	3
or POLS 1100	American Government (AI)	
MATH 1030	Quantitative Reasoning (MA)	3
or MATH 1050	College Algebra / Pre-Calculus (MA)	

Recommended Electives

Code	Title	Hours
These are recommendations to fulfill a minimum of 63 credits. Consult your advisor.		
BUS 1010	Introduction to Business	3
EDUC 1010	Foundations/Intro to Education	3
FSHD 2400	Family Relationships (SS, GC)	3
MATH 2010	Math for Elementary Teachers I	3
MATH 2020	Math for Elemen Teachers II	3
XSCI 1543	First Aid / Resp Emergencies	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 Requirement Courses must be passed with a C- or higher

Graduation Plan

1st Year			
Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
FSHD 1020		3 FSHD 2610	3
FSHD 1500 or PSY 1100		3 FSHD 2630	3
FSHD 2600		3 EDUC 2400	3
ENGL 1010		3 ENGL 2010	3
MATH 1030 or 1050		3 HIST 1700 or POLS 1100	3
	15		15
2nd Year			
Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
FSHD 2500		3 FSHD 2120	3

FSHD 2620	3 FSHD 2180	2
ENGL 2330 or HUM 1010	3 FSHD 2880	3
ECE Elective	3 EDUC 2010	3
General Education (Physical Science / Lab) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	4 ECE Elective	3
	General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
	16	17

Total Hours 63

AA/AS Early Childhood Education Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- 1. Analyze and discuss child development theories.
- 2. Develop and implement strategies for building school, family, and community relationships.
- 3. Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of assessments (formal and informal) and evaluate data relative to the developmental needs of children.
- 4. Create and teach developmentally and culturally appropriate curriculum.
- 5. Model moral and ethical practices within the early childhood profession.