PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development

The early childhood development (ECD) degree program prepares individuals for teaching positions in child care facilities, Head Start centers, and pre-schools as well as provides professional training for in-home childcare providers. The curriculum integrates classroom and field experiences to provide the student with the opportunity to apply skills and techniques in fostering the young child's social, emotional, physical, creative and cognitive growth.

The student must have day-time availability for field placements. All students are required to have a documentation file which includes: a recent medical statement, ODJFS background check, and records check through the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification and the FBI. The appropriate forms are available from ECD personnel and/or the division secretary. Students must also show completion of standard first aid, community CPR, common childhood illness recognition, and child abuse and neglect training through additional college courses or approved community providers. Specific program policies are stated in the ECD/EDU/EDP Student Handbook.

This program is approved by the Ohio Department of Education for the Pre-Kindergarten Associate License. An ECD student who wishes to be recommended for the license must formally apply for admission to the Pre-K Associate License program and meet the criteria of the program as stated in the ECD Student Handbook.

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Education Pays
Average Annual Earnings
Based on Education

High School | Some College | Associate Degree | Bachelor's Degree | Master's Degree

Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Curriculum last revised in 2021-2022 catalog

PROGRAM SEQUENCE

Northwest State
Community College

Fall Semester		Credits
EDU100	Introduction to Teaching	3
+ EDU150	Child Development I	3
+ ECD190*	Fundamentals of Early Childhood Ed.	3
+ ECD150	Infant & Toddler Development	3
PSY110	General Psychology	3
ENG111	Composition I	3
		18

Spring Semester		Credits
+ EDU220	Special Education	3
+ EDU230	Family, School, and Community	3
+ ECD201*	Pre-K Curriculum Methods	3
+ EDU120	Guidance & Classroom Management	3
	Natural/Physical Science Elective	3-4
		15-16

Fall Semester		Credits
+ EDU240	Educational Psychology	3
+ EDU210	Creative Arts Curriculum	3
+ EDU270*	Cultural & Linguistic Diversity	3
+ EDU140	Strategies for Teaching Reading	3
+ EDU180	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	2
ENG112	Composition II	3
		17

Spring Semester		Credits
+ ECD290*	Pre-Kindergarten Practicum	3
+ EDU250	Education Seminar	2
+ EDU260	Instructional Technology	3
+ ENG230	Children's Literature	3
	Math Elective	3
		14

Total Program Credit Hours   **64-65**

* ODI Pre-K Associate License requires a grade of "B" or higher in ECD190, ECD201, EDU270 and ECD 290.

+ Refers to technical coursework.

Students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses in order to progress in the program and to graduate.