



INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.S.

Purpose: To promote transfer of credits from the A.A.S. in **Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education** (IECE) from KCTCS into the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) at WKU, both certification and non-certification options.

Accreditation Statuses: Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) guidelines and procedures and will adhere to the requirements of reporting information to these and other accrediting agencies.

Admissions of Practices: Applicants for the Western Kentucky University's Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education must meet all WKU admission criteria. In addition, students choosing the teacher certification track must meet all professional education admission criteria:

1. Attend a Teacher Education Admissions Orientation session and make application to teacher education.
2. Achieve the required minimum GPA of 2.5 overall.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in oral communication by attaining a minimum grade of "C" in COMM 145 or 161 (or approved equivalent course).
4. Demonstrate proficiency in written communication by attaining a GPA of at least 2.5 in ENG 100 and ENG 300 (or approved equivalent courses), with neither grade lower than a "C" (English credit earned with an Advanced Placement score of 3 or higher, ACT English score of 29, SAT Verbal score of 620, or CLEP proficiency will be accepted as equivalent to a "B").
5. Obtain three favorable faculty recommendations.
6. If not on iCAP, submit a copy of an approved written degree program for a program leading to initial certification.
7. Complete teacher admission standardized testing requirement for demonstration of basic skills by satisfying the indicated cut-off score(s) for one of the following:
 - a. The Enhanced American College Test (ACT) with a minimum composite score of 21
 - b. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with a minimum composite score of 1500
 - c. The Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) with minimums of 173 in Mathematics, 173 in Reading, and 172 in Writing

Info on admission to professional education can be found at <http://edtech.wku.edu/programs/req-for-adm>

Program Delivery Style: Many classes are offered on-line, via distance education, or face to face at BG and extended campus locations. See <http://edtech.wku.edu/ste/programs/iece/undergraduate/index.htm> for delivery schedule.

Application of Credits:

1. Academic credit will be accepted and applied toward the specified degree program at WKU as identified in the Course Matrix included below. Elective courses taken at KCTCS that differ from the recommended elective courses could result in a correspondingly heavier course load at WKU.
2. Students must complete WKU's General Education requirements and comply with all Academic Requirements and Regulations (as published in the undergraduate catalog). Additional general education coursework needed to fulfill WKU BS degree requirements may be taken through WKU or KCTCS.



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3. While working on the AAS at KCTCS, students are encouraged to complete the following courses as a foundation for the BS in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education: SED 102 (AH), COM 181 (OC), PSY 110 (SB), HIS 104 or 105 (AH or SB), BIO 112 or 113 (NS), Computer Literacy, KHP 230 or NFS 101 (GE).
4. A table below outlines the requirements for a BS in IECE, once the AAS is completed. Two options are outlined: 1) to transfer to WKU for remaining requirements, or 2) to continue at KCTCS until General Education courses are completed. Requirements for both the certification and non-certification track are outlined. There is a third option for the student who completes the AA or AS in addition to the AAS in Early Childhood Education. In this third option, no additional General Education courses are necessary, and the student only needs to complete 46 hours of IECE courses at WKU.



Transfer Plan for KCTCS to WKU:

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Option 1		Option 2	
After completion of the AAS in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, students may transfer to WKU and complete the following courses for the Bachelor of Science degree in IECE.		After completion of the AAS in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, students may continue enrollment at their KCTCS college to complete the general education requirements for a BS in IECE at WKU, then transfer to WKU to complete IECE major requirements.	
WKU General Education Courses: <i>Not necessary if AA or AS is completed at KCTCS</i>		KCTCS General Education Requirements: <i>Not necessary if AA or AS is completed at KCTCS</i>	
ENG 200 (AH)	3 hrs	ENG 161 (AH)	3
Humanities General Ed. (see WKU catalog) (AH)	3	One of the following: ART 100/ MUS 100/TA101/RS 101/HUM 120/ PHIL 200 (AH)	3
Foreign Language (2 nd level required), CD 102 recommended (GE)	3	Foreign Language (2 nd level required), SED 102 recommended (GE)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (see WKU catalog) SWRK 101 recommended (SB)	3	HS 101 (AH)	3
World Culture (see WKU catalog) (GE)	3	One of the following: GEO 152/COM 254/ ANT 220/ ENG 264/ HIS 260 or 251	3
Natural Science with lab, General Education (see WKU catalog), not BIOL (NS + SL)	3	Science other than BIO or BSL with lab (NS + SL)	3
Total Additional General Ed hours	18	Total Additional General Ed Courses	18
WKU Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Courses			
PE 313	3	PE 313	3
CD 481	3	CD 481	3
EXED 419	3	EXED 419	3
EXED 422	3	EXED 422	3
EXED 423	3	EXED 423	3
IECE 321	3	IECE 321	3
IECE 322	3	IECE 322	3
IECE 324	3	IECE 324	3
IECE 421	3	IECE 421	3
IECE 422	3	IECE 422	3
LTCY 310	3	LTCY 310	3
*IECE 490	5	*IECE 490	5
*IECE 490	5	*IECE 490	5
*EDU 489	3	*EDU 489	3
*Total WKU IECE Hours	46	*Total WKU IECE Hours	46
AAS in IECE Program Transfer Hours	66-70	AAS in IECE Program Transfer Hours	66-70
Total additional WKU General Education Hours	18	Total Additional GE Hours Transferable	18
*Total WKU IECE Hours	46	*Total WKU IECE Hours	46
Total Hours	130-134	Total Hours	130-134

If questions contact: (270) 745-2939; for more information: <http://www.wku.edu/ste>

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