

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



## COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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**Degree Offering:** Associate of Arts



### Program Description

The emphasis on a quality environment and educational experience for children birth through kindergarten has increased the demand for early childhood educators with the appropriate course work. This program prepares graduates to meet this demand.

### Career Opportunities in Early Childhood Education

Examples of careers for the graduate of this program are: Teacher assistants in public schools, early care and education professionals in childcare facilities and Head Start, family service providers, or child advocates.

### Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education

The Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education (Ref. #249) requires 67 semester hours. It includes courses in general education, child development, assessment, and curriculum concepts for children birth to primary. Field experience hours give students the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a variety of early childhood settings while obtaining the needed experience as future job applicants.

### Student Organizations

Phi Upsilon Omicron

*For more information contact the department office at 270-745-4352*

### College of Health and Human Services Resources

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is the student success center for the College of Health and Human Services. The mission of ACE is to provide resources to students in the College of Health and Human Services that will help them attain their educational, career and life goals. This mission is fulfilled through a comprehensive array of programs and services to support academic success among the CHHS students. The Center provides academic advising, assistance with degree program completion, and career exploration/planning. It also houses a computer lab and study/work space for our students.



**Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education**

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The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 2 Year Plan**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
	ENG 100- Intro to College Writing	3	PH 100- Personal Health	3
COM 145- Fundamentals/Public Speaking	3	ENG 200- Introduction to Literature	3	
FACS 180- Foundations in Family & Consumer Sciences	3	PSY 100- Introduction to Psych	3	
FACS 191- Child Development	3	FACS 198- Guidance & Problem Solving Approaches for Young Children	3	
FACS 192- Working with Young Children and Families	3	FACS 294- Assessment of Young Children	3	
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
	HMD 211- Human Nutrition	3	LME 318- Children's Literature	3
FACS 295- Curriculum Development for Infants/Toddlers	3	FACS 296- Curriculum Development for Pre/KDG Children	3	
FACS 311- Family Relations	3	FACS 297- Family Community and Early Childhood Education	3	
FACS 292- Diversity in Early Childhood Programs	3	FACS 299- Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3	
SWRK 101- Foundations of Human Services	3	MATH 109- General Mathematics	3	
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>	
	FACS 313- Practicum	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>3</b>	

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