Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

AREA: Early Childhood Education

DEGREE: Associate of Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: With the newest research on brain development in the early childhood years, there has been an increased focus on the need for qualified child care centers and child care teachers, assistants and directors. This program is designed for people seeking employment involving the care and education of young children, or for those people presently employed in these situations who wish to enhance and update their competencies.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Occupational opportunities include program teachers and teaching assistants, leaders, supervisors or directors in child development programs.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The number of four-year colleges and universities with programs for a Baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education is increasing. Students enrolling in an applied science degree program with plans to transfer should explore opportunities with an advisor and transfer institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Each CHD course in the Early Childhood Education program will include an assignment or project that will be incorporated into a final portfolio required for graduation. Some CHD classes require a practicum experience in a child care facility. A background check, TB screening, fingerprinting and/or drug screening may be required at the student's expense.

Course# Title Credits

First Semester
CHD 118 Language Arts for Young Children 3
CHD 120 Intro to Early Childhood Education 3
CHD 145 Teaching Art, Music, & Movement 3
ENG 111 College Composition I 3
PSY 235 Child Psychology 3
SDV100/101 College Success Skills 1
Total 16

Second Semester
CHD 119 Intro to Reading Methods1 3
CHD 165 Observation & Participation in Early Childhood Settings2 3
CHD 166 Infant & Toddler Programs 3
CHD 205 Guiding the Behavior of Young Children 3
ENG 112 College Composition II 3
Math or Science with Lab Elective3 3-4
Total 18-19

Third Semester
CHD 146 Math, Science and Social Studies for Young Children 3
CHD 210 Intro to Exceptional Children 3
CHD 215 Models of Early Childhood Education Programs 3
CHD 216 Early Childhood Programs, School & Social Change 3
EDU 235 Health, Safety & Nutrition Education Humanities or Fine Arts Elective 3
Total 18

Fourth Semester
CHD 265 Advanced Observation & Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings2 3
CHD 270 Administration of Early Childhood Educational Programs 3
CHD 298 Seminars and Projects4 1
CST 100/110 Principles of Public Speaking 3
PED/HLT Physical Education or Health Elective 2-3
Total 14

Program Total 65-67

1CHD 118 must be completed before CHD 119.
2CHD 165 prerequisite for CHD 265. This is a practicum course where you will be placed in a child care setting. A background check, TB screening and/or drug screening may be required at the expense of the student.
3MTH 151 or higher is required for transfer.
4Co-requisite: CHD 265