

Associate of Arts Early Childhood (AAEC) - Students interested in pursuing an associate degree that easily transitions to an educator preparation program teaching students in preschool through 3rd grade may choose the Associate of Arts in Early Childhood. The AAEC includes all Arizona General Education for state universities as well as all requirements for the BAS in Early Childhood Education. This plan maps the suggested and required courses in blocks. *Blocks are suggested for full-time students, but may be adjusted based on course scheduling, student employment, or individual needs. Courses **Highlighted** lead to the Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Studies, while completing all courses on the plan leads to the AAEC degree.* To ensure you are on track, it is recommended that you meet with the Educator Preparation Programs Advisor prior to registering. **Courses in BOLD** are taken together during the block.

Block I (Fall I)

X	Course	Notes	credits
	ECD135 Survey of Child Development	Requires placement	3
	ECD141 Healthy and Safe Early Childhood Practices	*Requires 32 hours practicum and IVP	2
	ECD110 Building Relationships with Families (8 wk)		1
	ECD175 Professionalism (8 wk)	*Requires 16 hours practicum and IVP	1
	ENL101 College Composition I	Requires placement	3
	Social and Behavioral Science (PSY, HIS, SOC, ANT, GEO, POS, ECN)		3
	Arts & Humanities (ENL, PHL, FDV, SPT, HUM, MUS, ART)		3

Block II (Spring I)

X	Course	Notes	credits
	ECD145 Foundations in Early Childhood	Requires placement	3
	ECD128 Culture, Language, & Community (8 wk)	*Requires 16 hours practicum and IVP	1
	ECD186 Effective Interactions for Learning (8 wk)	*Requires 16 hours practicum and IVP	1
	ECD184 Early Social and Emotional Development	*Requires 32 hours practicum and IVP	2
	ENL 102 College Composition II		3
	MAT 142 or MAT 152	Requires placement	3
	Arts & Humanities (ENL, PHL, FDV, SPT, HUM, MUS, ART)		3

Block III (FALL 2) This block may complete your CP in EC Studies – **Apply for Graduation**

X	Course	Notes	credits
	ECD217 Early Language and Literacy (8 wk)	*Requires enrollment in ECD290	1
	ECD187 Supporting STEM in Early Childhood (8 wk)	*Requires 16 hours practicum and IVP	1
	ECD208 Observation and Assessment (8 wk)	*Requires 16 hours practicum and IVP	1
	ECD188 Policies and Procedures in EC (8 wk)		1
	ECD290 EC Practicum I	*Requires 32 hours practicum, enrollment in ECD217 and IVP	1
	ECD297 Early Childhood Capstone		1
	Natural Sciences with Lab (BIO, GLG, CHM, PHY, ANT)		4
	HIS105 US History to 1877 OR POS110 American Government		3
	Arts & Humanities (ENL, PHL, FDV, SPT, HUM, MUS, ART)		3

Block IV (SPRING 2) – This block completes your AAS degree – **Apply for Graduation**

X	Course	Notes	credits
	MAT161 Math for Elementary Teachers I (8wk)		3
	MAT162 Math for Elementary Teachers II (8 wk)		3
	ECD222 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education		3
	Social & Behavioral Science (PSY, HIS, SOC, ANT, GEO, POS, ECN)		3
	Natural Sciences with Lab (BIO, GLG, CHM, PHY, ANT)		4

Your Education Planner – Use this to keep track of which classes you take each semester

Semester		Year	
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Semester Task List:

- I've completed my FAFSA for the year I want to attend
- I've applied for and received my IVP Fingerprint Clearance <https://www.azdps.gov/services/public-services-portal/fingerprint-clearance-card>
- I've met with the Educator Preparation Advisor
- I've applied for all available scholarships (FTF, NPC Friends and Family, Claude Endfield)
- I've checked the online course schedule and found my classes that I plan to take
- I've registered for my classes – at least 2 weeks before the semester begins
- I've ordered my textbooks if needed
- I'm ready!