EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)  
REQUIRED CREDITS: 60  DEGREE CODE: ECEDIR-AAS

DESCRIPTION
The program is aimed at providing individuals with both the business knowledge needed for managing and/or owning a child care facility and the knowledge of children necessary to provide quality care.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
• Manage the business aspects of a day care program, including record keeping, financial, and staff supervision.
• Implement a developmentally appropriate program for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
• Meet licensing requirements for being director of a preschool and/or infant/toddler program.
• Distinguish typical and atypical development in young children.
• Demonstrate appropriate skills in modifying the care and education of young children to allow for the appropriate inclusion of children with atypical development.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (22 CREDITS)

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)
MATH 104B or above

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3-5 credits)
See AAS policy p. 50 for courses

COMMUNICATIONS (3 credits)
BUS 108; COM 101, 102, 215; ENG 102, 114, 205; JOUR 102; THTR 105

HUMAN RELATIONS (3 credits)
Required: ECE 202 Understanding Human Growth and Development

NATURAL SCIENCE (3 credits)
ANTH 102; AST 101 or above; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 103 or above; ENV 101 or above; GEOG 103, 116, 117; GEOL 100 or above

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 credits)
AM 145 or above; ANTH 101 or above (except 102); ART 101 or above; CRJ 104; DAN 101; ECON 100 or above; ENG 223 or above; GEOG 106; HIST 101 or above; World Languages 101B or above; MUS 101 or above; PHIL 101 or above; PSC 101 or above; PSY 101 or above; SOC 101 or above; THTR 100 or above; WMST 113

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)
See AAS policy p. 51 for courses

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (38 CREDITS)

MGT 103  Introduction to Small Business Management  3
ECE 130  Infancy  3
ECE 200  The Exceptional Child  3
ECE 204  Principles of Child Guidance  3
ECE 231  Preschool Practicum  3
ECE 232  Practicum: Infant and Toddler  3
ECE 235  Adapting Curricula for Young Children with Special Needs  3
ECE 240  Administration of the Preschool  3
ECE 245  Practicum Seminar  2
ECE 250  Introduction to Early Childhood Education  3
ECE 251  Curriculum in Early Childhood Education  3
ECE 252  Infant/Toddler Curriculum  3
ECE 274  Individual Child and Family  3

See Degree Plan on next page.

NOTE • Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
• Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.
  For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
• In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
• Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.
## FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

*Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.*

**Note:** The following courses are not available every semester and should be taken when offered:

- ECE 130, ECE 204, ECE 235<sup>1</sup>, ECE 240, ECE 274

### FIRST SEMESTER

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### COURSES TAKEN WHEN OFFERED

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**DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS................................................................60-67**

<sup>1</sup>Prerequisite for this course is ECE 200 and ECE 251.

<sup>2</sup>PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the third semester and HIST 102 or 217 in the fourth semester.

<sup>3</sup>ECE 245 must be taken concurrently with ECE 231 or 232.