

Early Childhood Education - AAS



2024-25

Program map for Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

The Early Childhood Education program provides students with academic coursework and field experience necessary to become a teacher of children ages birth to eight years. The program allows the student to experience working with young children and mentor teachers. The program includes teaching methods in reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, arts, and assessment techniques. Students can complete Washington State Stackable Certificates while working toward a two-year degree. All early childhood classes are STARS approved, allowing students to meet yearly state requirements while working on a certificate or degree.

See also

- [Degree Requirements for Teacher Education and Early Learning programs \(lowercolumbia.edu/programs/education \)](https://www.lowercolumbia.edu/programs/education/)
- [Course descriptions in LCC Catalog \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/courses \)](https://www.lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/courses/)
- [Distribution lists in LCC Catalog \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists \)](https://www.lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/)

([lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/](https://www.lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/)) **Important:** Many course sequences only begin in fall quarter. Check with your program advisor.

By Quarter Overview

First Quarter

Get your Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations; background check; and tuberculosis (TB) test

- COLL 101: College Success 101 (2 credits)
- ENGL& 101: English Composition I (5 credits)
 - *Placement Test or ENGL 99 C or better**
- ECED& 107: Health/Safety/Nutrition (5 credits)
- ECED& 120: Practicum-Nurturing Relationships (2 credits)

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)

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Second Quarter

- EDUC& 130: Guiding Behavior (3 credits)
 - OR one of the following (3 credits)
 - ECED& 132: Infants/Toddlers Care
 - ECED& 134: Family Child Care
 - EDUC& 136: School Age Care
 - ECED& 139: Administration of ECE
- MATH& 131: Math for Elementary Educators 1 (5 credits)
 - *Placement Test /MATH 88/98, 87/97 C or better; or CCP 97 or CCP 98 with a B or better**
- ECED& 105: Introduction to Early Childhood Education (5 credits)
- ECED& 180: Language and Literacy Development (3 credits)

**Pre- and co-requisite(s)*

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Third Quarter

- ECED& 170: Learning Environments (3 credits)
- MATH& 132: Math for Elementary Educators II (5 credits)
 - *MATH& 131**
- EDUC& 115: Child Development (5 credits)
- ECED& 190: Observation/Assessment (3 credits)
 - OR ECED& 130 Guiding Behavior (3 credits)

**Pre- and co-requisite(s)*

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Fourth Quarter

- EDUC& 150: Child/Family/Community (3 credits)
- ECED& 160: Curriculum Development (5 credits)
- ECED 261: Practicum IV/Principles (3 credits)
 - *ECED& 105, ECED& 107, ECED& 120, ECED& 190, ENG& 101*
- Choose one Humanities course (5 credits)

**Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)*

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Fifth Quarter

- ENGL& 102 OR CMST& 220: Composition II OR Public Speaking (5 credits)
- EDUC& 204: Inclusive Education: Birth through 21 Focus (5 credits)
- ECED 262: Practicum V/Practice (3 credits)
 - *ECED 261**
- Choose one Natural Science course (5 credits)

**Pre- and co-requisite(s)*

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Apply for Graduation (lowercolumbia.edu/graduation)

Sixth Quarter

- ECED 225: STEAM in Early Childhood Education (5 credits)
- EDUC& 205: Introduction to Education (5 credits)
- ECED 263: Practicum VI/Professionalism (3 credits)
 - *ECED 262**
- HIST&136 OR HIST&137: US History I or US History II (5 credits)

**Pre- and co-requisite(s)*

Graduate (lowercolumbia.edu/commencement)

Detailed Class Sequence

1. College Success 101

COLL 101 (2 credits)

2. English Composition I

ENGL& 101 (5 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): Placement Test or ENGL 99 C or better

3. Introduction to Early Childhood Education

ECED& 105 (5 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): Get your Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations; background check; and tuberculosis (TB) test

4. Practicum-Nurturing Relationship

ECED& 120 (2 credits)

5. Communications Course

ENGL& 102: English Composition II OR CMST& 220: Public Speaking (5 credits)

Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): ENGL& 101 (None for CMST& 220)

6. Math for Elementary Educators

MATH& 131 (5 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): Placement Test /MATH 88/98, 87/97 C or better; or CCP 97 or CCP 98 with a B or better

7. Health/Safety/Nutrition

ECED& 107 (5 credits)

8. Lang/Literacy Develop

ECED& 180 (3 credits)

9. Introduction to Education w/Field Experience

EDUC& 105 (5 credits)

10. Math for Elementary Educators 2

MATH& 132 (5 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): MATH& 131

11. Child Development

EDUC& 115 (5 credits)

12. Child/Family/Community

EDUC& 150 (3 credits)

13. Observation/Assessment

ECED& 190 (3 credits)

14. Curriculum Development

ECED& 160 (5 credits)

15. Practicum IV/Principles

ECED 261 (3 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): ECED& 115, ECED& 107, ECED& 120, ECED& 190, Specialization Course

16. Humanities / Natural Science

Choose one Humanities/Natural Science course (5 credits)

17. Guiding Behavior

EDUC& 130 (3 credits)

18. Inclusive Education: Birth through 21 Focus

EDUC& 204 (5 credits)

19. Practicum V/Practice

ECED 262 (3 credits)

Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): ECED 261

20. STEAM in Early Childhood Education

ECED 225 (5 credits)

21. Learning Environments

ECED& 170 (3 credits)

22. Introduction to Sociology

SOC& 101 (5 credits)

23. Practicum VI/Professionalism

ECED 263 (3 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): ECED 262



Program Maps for Teacher Education and Early Learning (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education)

- **Early Childhood Education - AAS (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/AAS-Early-Childhood-Education)**
- **Early Childhood Education - COP (Paraeducator) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/COP-PARA-education)**
- **Early Childhood Education - COP (State Certificate) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/COP-State-Early-Childhood-Education)**
- **Education - AA-DTA (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/AADTA-Education)**
- **Education - AAS (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/AAS-Education)**
- **Math Education - DTA/MRP (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/DTAMRP-Math-Education)**
- **Teacher Education - BAS (Full-Time Cohort, Certificated Route) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/BAS-Teacher-Education-FT-certificated)**
- **Teacher Education - BAS (Full-Time Cohort, Early Childhood Education) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/BAS-Teacher-Education-FT-ECE)**
- **Teacher Education - BAS (Part-Time Cohort, Certificated Route) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/BAS-Teacher-Education-PT-certificated)**
- **Teacher Education - BAS (Part-Time Cohort, Early Childhood Education) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/education/BAS-Teacher-Education-PT-ECE)**