

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



2025-26

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.

View this program in the LCC Catalog ([lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-AAS-Education](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-AAS-Education) [lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-AAS-Early-Childhood-Education](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-AAS-Early-Childhood-Education))

## See also

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

**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; Merit background check; and tuberculosis (TB) test

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- 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

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- 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)
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- ECED& 105: Introduction to Early Childhood Education (5 credits)
- ECED& 180: Language and Literacy Development (3 credits)

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## Third Quarter

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- 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)

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

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## Fourth Quarter

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- EDUC& 150: Child/Family/Community (3 credits)
- ECED& 160: Curriculum Development (5 credits)
- ECED 261: Practicum IV/Principles (3 credits)
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- Choose one Humanities course (5 credits)

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

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## Fifth Quarter

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- 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) recommended

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

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## Sixth Quarter

- EDUC 230 Social Skill Development & Trauma Informed Teaching (5 credits)
- EDUC& 202: Introduction to Education (5 credits) or EDUC& 205 Introduction to Education with Field Placement (5 credits)
- HIST 254 History of Washington and the Pacific Northwest (5 credits)
- EDUC 246 (3 credits) Linguistically Diverse Education

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

[Graduate \(lowercolumbia.edu/commencement\)](https://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)*

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## **6. Math for Elementary Educators**

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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*

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## **7. Health/Safety/Nutrition**

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ECED& 107 (5 credits)

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## **8. Lang/Literacy Develop**

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ECED& 180 (3 credits)

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## **9. Introduction to Education w/Field Experience**

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EDUC& 105 (5 credits)

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## **10. Math for Elementary Educators 2**

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MATH& 132 (5 credits)

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

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## **11. Child Development**

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EDUC& 115 (5 credits)

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## **12. Child/Family/Community**

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EDUC& 150 (3 credits)

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## **13. Observation/Assessment**

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ECED& 190 (3 credits)

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## **14. Curriculum Development**

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ECED& 160 (5 credits)

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## **15. Practicum IV/Principles**

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ECED 261 (3 credits)

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

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## **16. Humanities / Natural Science**

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Choose one Humanities/Natural Science course (5 credits)

## **17. Guiding Behavior**

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EDUC& 130 (3 credits)

## **18. Inclusive Education: Birth through 21 Focus**

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EDUC& 204 (5 credits)

## **19. Practicum V/Practice**

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ECED 262 (3 credits)

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

## **20. Social Skill Development & Trauma Informed Teaching (5 credits)**

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ECED 225 (5 credits)

## **21. Learning Environments**

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ECED& 170 (3 credits)

## **22. Introduction to Education (with or without field placement)**

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EDUC& 202 or EDUC& 205 (5 credits)

## **23. Linguistically Diverse Education (3 credits)**

## **24. History of Washington and the Pacific Northwest**

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HIST 254 (5 credits)