



Program Planning Guide

Early Childhood Education/Non-Licensure Associate in Applied Science Degree (A55220NL)

Program Length: 5 semesters

Program Sites: Lee Main Campus - Day with some evening classes available; Distance Education - select courses available

Career Pathway Options: Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education/Non-Licensure

Suggested Course Schedule		Class	Lab	Work	Credits	Notes:
1st Semester (fall)						
ACA 122	College Transfer	0	2	0	1	
EDU 119	Intro to Early Child Education	4	0	0	4	
EDU 131	Child, Family, and Community	3	0	0	3	
EDU 144	Child Development I	3	0	0	3	
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3	
	Total Semester Hours	13	2	0	14	
2nd Semester (spring)						
COM 231	Public Speaking	3	0	0	3	
EDU 145	Child Development II	3	0	0	3	
EDU 146	Child Guidance	3	0	0	3	
EDU 151	Creative Activities	3	0	0	3	
EDU 153	Health, Safety & Nutrition	3	0	0	3	
EDU 280	Literacy Experiences	3	0	0	3	
	Total Semester Hours	18	0	0	18	
3rd Semester (summer)						
EDU 221	Children with Exceptionalities	3	0	0	3	
Humanities Elective		3	0	0	3	
	Total Semester Hours	6	0	0	6	



4th Semester (fall)						
EDU 234	Infant, Toddlers, and Twos	3	0	0	3	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	2	2	0	3	
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3	
Natural Science (List 1)		3	2	0	4	
English		3	0	0	3	
	Total Semester Hours	14	4	0	16	
5th Semester (spring)						
EDU 261	Early Childhood Admin I	3	0	0	3	
EDU 262	Early Childhood Admin II	3	0	0	3	
EDU 284	Early Child Capstone Prac	1	9	0	4	
Social Science Elective		3	0	0	3	
Natural Science (List 2)		3	3	0	4	
	Total Semester Hours	13	12	0	17	
Total Semester Hours Credit Required for Graduation: 71						



Electives List

<p>Approved Humanities/Fine Arts Electives Associate in Applied Science Degree/Diploma</p> <p>ART 111 Art Appreciation ART 114 Art History Survey I ART 115 Art History Survey II DRA 111 Theatre Appreciation ENG 125 Creative Writing I ENG 231 American Literature I ENG 232 American Literature II ENG 241 British Literature I ENG 242 British Literature II HUM 110 Technology & Society HUM 115 Critical Thinking HUM 120 Cultural Studies HUM 122 Southern Culture HUM 150 American Women's Studies HUM 160 Introduction to Film MUS 110 Music Appreciation MUS 112 Introduction to Jazz PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics REL 110 World Religions REL 211 Intro to Old Testament REL 212 Intro to New Testament</p>	<p>English, select one course: ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disc ENG 114 Prof Research & Reporting</p> <p>Natural Sciences (List 1), select one course: CHM 151 General Chemistry I GEL 111 Geology PHY 110/110A Conceptual Physics / Lab</p> <p>Natural Sciences (List 2), select one course: BIO 110 Principles of Biology BIO 111 General Biology I</p> <p>Social Science Elective, select one course: ECO 251 Principles of Microeconomics ECO 252 Principles of Macroeconomics HIS 111 World Civilization I HIS 112 World Civilization II HIS 131 American History I HIS 132 American History II POL 120 American Government SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology</p>
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Course Descriptions

ACA 122 College Transfer Success

This course provides information and strategies necessary to develop clear academic and professional goals beyond the community college experience. Topics include the CAA, college policies and culture, career exploration, gathering information on senior institutions, strategic planning, critical thinking, and communications skills for a successful academic transition. Upon completion, students should be able to develop an academic plan to transition successfully to senior institutions. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA/ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement.

COM 231 Public Speaking

This course provides instruction and experience in preparation and delivery of speeches within a public setting and group discussion. Emphasis is placed on research, preparation, delivery, and evaluation of informative, persuasive, and special occasion public speaking. Upon completion, students should be able to prepare and deliver well-organized speeches and participate in group discussion with appropriate audiovisual support. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA and ICAA as a universal general education transfer component (UGETC) course in Humanities/Fine Arts.

EDU 119 Intro to Early Childhood Educ

This course introduces the foundations of culturally responsive, equitable and inclusive early childhood education, planning intentional developmentally appropriate experiences, learning activities, and teaching strategies for indoor and outdoor environments for all young children, guidance techniques, and professionalism. Topics include theoretical foundations, national early learning standards, NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development, state regulations, program types, career options, professionalism, ethical conduct, quality inclusive environments, guidance techniques, and curriculum responsive to the needs of each child/family. Upon completion, students should be able to implement developmentally appropriate environments, guidance techniques, schedules, and teaching strategies across developmental domains to support culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse children and their families in inclusive settings, and design a personal career/professional development plan.

EDU 131 Child, Family, & Community

This course covers the development of partnerships among culturally, linguistically and ability diverse families, children, schools and communities through the use of evidence-based strategies. Emphasis is placed on developing skills and identifying benefits for establishing and supporting respectful relationships between diverse families, programs/schools, and community agencies/resources reflective of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators. Upon completion, students should be able to identify appropriate relationship building strategies between diverse families, children birth through adolescence, schools, and communities and demonstrate a variety of communication skills including appropriate use of technology to support every child.

EDU 144 Child Development I

This course includes the theories of child development, observation and assessment, milestones, and factors that influence development, from conception through approximately 36 months. Emphasis is placed on knowledge, observation and assessment of developmental sequences in approaches to play/learning, emotional/social, health/physical, language/communication and cognitive domains. Upon completion, students should be able to compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics, explain biological and environmental factors that impact development, and identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement.

EDU 145 Child Development II

This course includes the theories of child development, observation and assessment, milestones, and factors that influence development, from preschool through middle childhood. Emphasis is placed on knowledge, observation and assessment of developmental sequences in approaches to play/learning, emotional/social, health/physical, language/communication and cognitive domains. Upon completion, students should be able to compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics, explain biological and environmental factors that impact development, and identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement.

EDU 146 Child Guidance

This course introduces evidence-based strategies to build nurturing relationships with each child by applying principles and practical techniques to facilitate developmentally appropriate guidance. Topics include designing responsive/supportive learning environments, cultural, linguistic and socio-economic influences on behavior, appropriate expectations, the importance of communication with children/families including using technology and the use of formative assessments in establishing intentional strategies for children with unique needs. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate direct/indirect strategies to encourage social skills, self-regulation, emotional expression and positive behaviors while recognizing the relationship between children's social, emotional and cognitive development.

**EDU 151 Creative Activities**

This course introduces developmentally supportive, diverse, equitable, and inclusive creative learning environments with attention to divergent thinking, creative problem-solving, evidence-based teaching practices, and open-ended learning materials and activities that align with the NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Emphasis is placed on best practices providing process-driven culturally diverse, learning experiences in art, music, creative movement, dance, and dramatic play integrated across all domains and academic content in indoor/outdoor environments for every young child age birth through age eight. Upon completion, students should be able to observe, examine, create, adapt, and advocate for developmentally appropriate creative learning materials, experiences, and environments for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse.

EDU 153 Health, Safety, and Nutrition

This course covers promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of every child. Topics include health and nutritional guidelines, common childhood illnesses, maintaining safe and healthy learning environments, health benefits of active play, recognition and reporting of abuse/neglect, and state regulations. Upon completion, students should be able to apply knowledge of NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development for health, safety, nutritional needs and safe learning environments.

EDU 221 Children with Exceptional

Prerequisite. Take one set: 1) EDU 144 and EDU 145; 2) PSY 244, PSY 245

This course covers atypical patterns of child development, inclusive/diverse settings, evidenced-based educational/family plans, differentiated instruction, adaptive materials, and assistive technology. Emphasis is placed on the characteristics of exceptionalities and delays, early intervention/special education, transitions, observation, developmental screening, formative assessment of children, and collaborating with families and community partners. Upon completion, students should be able to recognize diverse abilities, describe the referral process, identify community resources, explain the importance of collaboration with families/professionals, and develop appropriate strategies/adaptations to support children in all environments with best practices as defined by laws, policies and the NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement.

EDU 234 Infants, Toddlers, & Twos

Prerequisite: EDU 119

This course covers the development of high-quality, individualized, responsive/engaging relationships and experiences for infants, toddlers, and twos. Emphasis is placed on typical and atypical child development, working with diverse families to provide positive, supportive, and engaging early learning activities and interactions through field experiences and the application of the NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate responsive curriculum planning, respectful relationships and exposure to a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences/materials that support a foundation for healthy development and growth of culturally, linguistically and ability diverse children birth to 36 months.

EDU 261 Early Childhood Admin I

Corequisite: EDU 119

This course introduces principles and practices essential to preparing and supporting child care administrators. Topics include program philosophy, policies and procedures, NC Child Care Law and Rules, business planning, personnel and fiscal management, and NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct Supplement for Early Childhood Program Administration. Upon completion, students should be able to articulate a developmentally appropriate program philosophy, locate current state licensing regulations, analyze a business plan and examine comprehensive program policies and procedures.

EDU 262 Early Childhood Admin II

Prerequisite: EDU 119

This course focuses on advocacy/leadership, public relations/community outreach and program quality/evaluation for diverse early childhood programs. Topics include program evaluation/accreditation, involvement in early childhood professional organizations, leadership/mentoring, family, volunteer and community involvement and early childhood advocacy. Upon completion, students should be able to define and evaluate all components of early childhood programs, develop strategies for advocacy and integrate community into programs.

EDU 280 Language and Literacy

This course provides evidence-based strategies for enhancing language and literacy experiences that align with NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Topics include developmental sequences for children's emergent receptive and expressive language, print concepts, appropriate observations/assessments, literacy enriched environments, quality selection of diverse literature, interactive media, and inclusive practices. Upon completion, students should be able to select, plan, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate language and literacy experiences for children who are culturally, linguistically and ability diverse.

**EDU 284 Early Childhood Capstone Prac**

Prerequisites: Take One Set:

Set 1: EDU-119, EDU-144, EDU-145, EDU-146, and EDU-151

Set 2: EDU-119, PSY-244, PSY-245, EDU-146, and EDU-151

Set 3: EDU-119, PSY-245, EDU-144, EDU-146, and EDU-151

Set 4: EDU-119, PSY-244, EDU-145, EDU-146, and EDU-151

This course is designed to allow students to demonstrate acquired skills in a three star (minimum) or NAEYC accredited or equivalent, quality early childhood environment. Emphasis is placed on designing, implementing and evaluating developmentally appropriate activities and environments for all children; supporting/engaging families; and modeling reflective and professional practices based on national and state guidelines. Upon completion, students should be able to apply NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development to demonstrate developmentally appropriate plans/assessments, appropriate guidance techniques and ethical/professional behaviors, including the use of appropriate technology, as indicated by assignments and onsite faculty assessments.

ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry

Prerequisite: Take one set: Set 1: DRE 097; Set 2: ENG 002; Set 3: BSP 4002

Corequisite: Take ENG 011

This course is designed to develop the ability to produce clear writing in a variety of genres and formats using a recursive process. Emphasis includes inquiry, analysis, effective use of rhetorical strategies, thesis development, audience awareness, and revision. Upon completion, students should be able to produce unified, coherent, well-developed essays using standard written English. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA/ICAA as a general education course in English Composition.

MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy

Prerequisite: Take one set: Set 1: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, and DRE 098; Set 2: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, and ENG 002; Set 3: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, and BSP 4002; Set 4: DMA 025 and DRE 098; Set 5: DMA 025 and ENG 002; Set 6: DMA 025 and BSP 4002; Set 7: MAT 003 and DRE 098; Set 8: MAT 003 and ENG 002; Set 9: MAT 003 and BSP 4002; Set 10: BSP 4003 and DRE 098; Set 11: BSP 4003 and ENG 002; Set 12: BSP 4003 and BSP 4002

Corequisite: Take MAT 043

This course is designed to engage students in complex and realistic situations involving the mathematical phenomena of quantity, change and relationship, and uncertainty through project- and activity-based assessment. Emphasis is placed on authentic contexts which will introduce the concepts of numeracy, proportional reasoning, dimensional analysis, rates of growth, personal finance, consumer statistics, practical probabilities, and mathematics for citizenship. Upon completion, students should be able to utilize quantitative information as consumers and to make personal, professional, and civic decisions by decoding, interpreting, using, and communicating quantitative information found in modern media and encountered in everyday life. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA/ICAA as a general education course in Mathematics (Quantitative).

PSY 150 General Psychology

This course provides an overview of the scientific study of human behavior. Topics include history, methodology, biopsychology, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, cognition, abnormal behavior, personality theory, social psychology, and other relevant topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the science of psychology. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA and ICAA as a universal general education transfer component (UGETC) course in Social/Behavioral Sciences.