Early Childhood Development, AAS, CC

Department: Family, Consumer, and Human Development Department
College: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

Overview

About This Degree

This two year program prepares the student to become employed in early care and early care educational settings including child care centers, Head Start, private owner-based preschools and elementary school paraprofessional positions. Attention is given to development of skills in effective teaching, planning and preparing a classroom and appropriate business and administrative skills. This major would support a student's pursuit of an elementary education bachelor's degree.

The major requires a total of 65 hours of course work in the liberal arts and early childhood field. A practicum in the USU Eastern preschool is required and provides hands on teaching experience with 2-5 year-olds under the direction of a degreed Instructor.

The department is housed in the preschool environment with access to a lending library of children's' stories, curriculum and academic based literature. The on-site preschool lab includes numerous student interest centers, an observation room and a large outdoor, nature-based playground area.

Career Options

Students with an Associate of Applied Science Degree-Early Childhood Development are qualified to be employed in:

- early care and early care educational settings
- child care centers
- Head Start
- private owner-based preschools
- elementary school paraprofessional positions

This degree will provide a knowledge base on child development for those who are parents or are considering becoming parents. The degree is also a pathway to pursue a higher degree in early childhood, child development, or elementary education.

What it takes

Major Requirements

Click here to see course requirements for the **Associate of Applied Science**.

Click here to see course requirements for the **Certificate of Completion**.

Required coursework includes english, math, family life and computer literacy.

Electives include, but are not limited to, courses in family life, business, english, geography, music, art, biology and chemistry.

Contact

Advising

All new USU Eastern students participate in a New Student Orientation program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

Get Involved

Labs, Centers, Research

The USU Eastern preschool lab provides opportunities to work with young children while receiving college credit. Service learning hours are also available through volunteer hours in the preschool lab (contact the campus SUN Center at 435-613-5284.)

Child Care Resource and Referral: Child Care Resource and Referral provides child care information to parents, including information about selecting the right child care and about financial assistance. It also provides resources to people who are interested in becoming licensed as child care providers.