

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES EMPHASIS

The Associate of Science degree, with an emphasis in Childhood Education and Family Studies, leads to a Baccalaureate degree in Human Development, Early Childhood Education, Social Science or a teaching certification. Students may petition for adjustments in the Southwestern Associate of Science degree if course requirements are met for the first two years of any regionally accredited four-year institution offering a degree in Education, Early Childhood Education, Family Studies, Human or Child Development. An advising agreement is in place with Eastern Oregon University for students working towards teacher certification. Eastern's newest distance education

degree of Liberal Studies with an Early Childhood Education emphasis articulates to our AS Degree. The AS degree is also articulated with Portland State University through their external degree program.

All coursework specific to Childhood Education and Family Studies degrees and certificates is offered online through Southwestern's e-SOCC online platform. The degrees are fully online.

Both the Associate of Science with an emphasis in Childhood Education and Family Studies and our Associate in Applied Science in Childhood Education and Family Studies (page 47) are now accredited through the National Association for the Education of

Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation program.

For further program information, please contact the Childhood Education Director at [ece@socc.edu](mailto:ece@socc.edu). Information online at <http://www.socc.edu/academics/pgs/academic-dept/childhood-education/index.shtml>

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) average or better. Thirty (30) of the last 45 credits must be earned at Southwestern before the Associate of Science degree is awarded.

Courses that are developmental in nature, designed to prepare students for college transfer courses, are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (i.e., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).



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PREREQUISITES	CIS101 (2) Computers in Society	WR90 (3) Paragraph Fundamentals	MTH95 (4) Intermediate Algebra I (or placement test score)	Reading Score of ASSET39 COMPASS69	
<b>FALL = 16 CREDITS</b>	ECE150 (3) Introduction and Observation in ECE	WR121 (3) English Composition	HDFS225 (3) Prenatal, Infant and Toddler Development	ECE/ED151 (3) Guidance and Classroom Management <sup>1</sup>	(4) Lab Science Course <sup>2</sup>
<b>WINTER = 16 CREDITS</b>	ECE154 (3) Children's Literature and Literacy	WR122 (3) English Composition	HDFS247 (3) Preschool Child Development	ECE209 (3) Theory and Practicum I <sup>1</sup>	(4) Lab Science Course <sup>2</sup>
<b>SPRING = 18 CREDITS</b>	CIS120 (4) Concepts of Computing	WR123 (3) English Composition <sup>3</sup>	HDFS229 (4) Development in Middle Childhood	ECE102 (3) Theory and Practicum II <sup>1</sup>	(4) Lab Science Course <sup>2</sup>
<b>50 CREDITS = FIRST YEAR TOTAL</b>					
<b>FALL = 16 CREDITS</b>	ED169 (3) Overview of Students with Special Needs	(3) Physical Education Course(s) <sup>4</sup>	MTH111 (4) College Algebra <sup>5</sup>	(3) Speech Course <sup>6</sup>	(3) Arts and Letters Course <sup>7</sup>
<b>WINTER = 15 CREDITS</b>	ED280 (3) Cooperative Work Experience	(3) Arts and Letters Course <sup>7</sup>	(3) Arts and Letters Course <sup>7</sup>	HDFS222 (3) Family Relations	(3) Specific Elective <sup>8</sup>
<b>SPRING = 15 CREDITS</b>	HDFS140 (3) Contemporary American Families	(3) Specific Elective <sup>8</sup>	(3) Specific Elective <sup>8</sup>	HDFS285 (3) Professional Issues in Early Childhood Ed.	ED258 (3) Multicultural Education <sup>9</sup>
<b>46 CREDITS = SECOND YEAR TOTAL</b>					
<b>94 CREDITS = TOTAL RECOMMENDED PROGRAM CREDITS</b>					

### PROGRAM NOTES

<sup>1</sup>ECE/ED151, ECE209, and ECE102 must be taken in sequence. A criminal history check is required for ECE209.

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Associate of Science Degree Requirements, page 21.

<sup>3</sup>Students may choose PE227 Report Writing to meet the requirement.

<sup>4</sup>Students may choose PE231 or HE250.

<sup>5</sup>Refer to Associate of Science Degree Requirements, page 21. Students may substitute MTH212, 213, or 243 for the math course. Students who plan to obtain a degree in Elementary Education through the OUS system should take MTH211, 212, 213. Students are encouraged to take any required math prerequisites during their

first year.

<sup>6</sup>Choose a course from: SP100, 111, 112, 217, 218 or SP219.

<sup>7</sup>Refer to Associate of Science Degree Requirements, page 21. One course must be taken to meet the Cultural Literacy Requirement. Students who have not completed two years of high school foreign language are encouraged to take approved language courses.

<sup>8</sup>Specific Electives: ECE240, FN225, MTH211, MTH212, MTH213, PSY201, PSY202, PSY203, ED/ECE199/299. Students who wish to complete the requirements for the Certificate of Completion in Childhood Education and Family Studies should take ECE240 and FN225.

<sup>9</sup>ED258 must be taken summer term. ED/ECE 199/299 curriculum courses may also be taken in the summer.

<sup>10</sup>Students seeking teaching licensure are advised to plan their academic program jointly with their Southwestern Advisor and an advisor from the Southwestern University Center to be best prepared for transfer requirements. This degree meets the requirements for both the AS and AA/OT requirements.