EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, A.A.S.

Location(s): AL, LO, MA
NOVA Code: 6360

Purpose

The curriculum is designed to prepare Early Childhood Professionals. This includes people presently employed in early learning settings, and those seeking employment in the field. It also provides seamless articulation for those who wish to continue their education at some four-year institutions in VA.

Credit for Prior Learning

Students in this program may be eligible for credit for prior learning. See an academic advisor with the Early Childhood Programs for further information.

Special Accreditation Status

The A.A.S. Early Childhood Development degree at Northern Virginia Community College *is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the* National Association for the Education of Young Children *(*https://www.naeyc.org/*).* The current accreditation term runs from March 2018 through March 2025.

NAEYC Outcome Measures (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/programs/early-childhood-development-aas/ead-accreditation/)

Outcomes-SLO/NAEYC Assessments (https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/early-childhood-development.html#:~:text=The%20Early%20Childhood%20Development%20Program%20prepares%20candidates%20to%20be%20proficient)

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester		
EDU 235	Health, Safety, & Nutrition Education	3
CHD 120	Intro. Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	3
CHD 205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
	Credits	**16**
2nd Semester		
CHD 118	Language Arts for Young Children	3
CHD 146	Math, Science & Social Studies for Children	3
CHD 165	Observation/Participation/Early Childhood	3
CHD 216	Early Learning, Family, Community, and Social Change	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
	Credits	**15**
3rd Semester		
CHD 166	Infant And Toddler Programs	3
CHD 210	Children with Exceptionalities	3
EDU 200	Foundations of Education	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
	Credits	**15**
4th Semester		
BIO 101	General Biology I	4
CHD 265	Advanced Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
CHD 270	Administration of Childcare Programs	3
ENG 250 or ENG 246	Children's Literature or American Literature	3
HIS 121 or HIS 122	United States History to 1877 or United States History Since 1865	3
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**62**