



2-Year Program (AAS)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

“Being a part of Early Childhood Education program has been a great experience. My professors and my fellow students have become good friends and great resources.”
—Molly Ruslander

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) Degree program prepares students to work with young children and families, in both the educational and social service settings, or offers an excellent opportunity for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, making this two-year degree an exceptional, cost-effective alternative for those wanting to advance their education.

Early Childhood Program Features

- Practical hands on experiences from preschool to 2nd grade
- Classroom observation and participation embedded in most education classes
- Small class size and individual attention
- The opportunity to make life-long professional relationships
- Students will not be closed out of required classes
- Observation and coursework relating to children with disabilities
- Experienced faculty and Maria Campus School Master Teachers

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Potential Educational and Career Opportunities

- Transfer to 4-year Colleges and Teacher Education Certification
- Childcare Teacher, Owner, or Site Director
- Pre-school teacher
- Public and Private Elementary School Teacher Assistant
- Public or Private School Substitute Teacher

As part of the program requirements, students will observe and work with the young children who attend The Maria College Campus School, a private, tuition-based preschool located on the Maria College campus. Students are also afforded the opportunity to work with diverse populations in educational settings in the broader community.

Requirements

All students must meet the health requirements of the ECE program. Satisfactory health approval will be based upon a physical examination and immunization records.

A student must obtain a minimum grade of C in each ECE course. (A grade of C- is not adequate). The student must pass both the theoretical and clinical components of each relevant course or the course must be repeated in its entirety. An ECE course may be repeated only once, and a student who receives a C- or less in an ECE course for two consecutive semesters may not return to the program.

General Studies, Letter of Intent students, who wish to apply (or reapply) to the Early Childhood Education program, must schedule an appointment with the chairperson. The interview process will include a review of the student's coursework, attendance and preparation.

Each state and/or profession has procedures for certification and licensure, including, among others, consideration of felony convictions, pending criminal charges and professional misconduct. As a result, completion of a program does not guarantee licensure or certification.

Note: Non-Early Childhood Education students may register for most Edu courses, but consent of the instructor is required.