

Early Childhood Education

Associate in Science

DIVISION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The A.S. in Early Childhood Education prepares students for work with children in a variety of settings including early education and care centers, nursery schools, family childcare and school-age programs. Students may transfer into a related non-licensure bachelor's degree program like Early Childhood Education or Child and Family Studies. The professional courses in the program provide a broad, basic understanding of children's developmental needs and a repertoire of specialized skills. Field work in approved early childhood centers, in conjunction with seminars, exposes students to the practical aspects of working with children, thereby supplementing classroom theory. Electives across a variety of disciplines offer opportunities for a well-rounded education.

Graduates of the program meet the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care requirements for Childcare Teachers and Lead Teachers.

Students choosing to pursue public school teacher licensure programs at the bachelor's degree level should complete the Liberal Arts: Early Childhood Education or Liberal Arts: Elementary Education Program at MassBay.

Upon successful completion, the Associate in Science Degree in [Early Childhood Education](#) is awarded.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) and SORI (Sexual Offender Registry Information) background checks are required prior to practicum placement and will be conducted in accordance with state regulations. CORI and SORI results are confidential.

PROGRAM FOOTNOTES

Humanities Electives: Art, Communication, English (EN 120 or higher), ESL (ES 100 or higher, up to 6 credits), Film, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Music, Oral Communication, Philosophy, Photography, Sign Language, Theater Arts

Science Electives: SC 102 Integrated Science I, SC 103 Integrated Science II, BI 101 General Biology I, NS 101 Contemporary Nutrition

Social Science Electives: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Law, Psychology, Sociology

Education Electives (for students eligible for 2nd practicum waiver): ED 108 Art and Music for Young Children, ED 221 Administration of Early Childhood Programs, ED 223 Infant and Toddler Curriculum**, ED 227 Supervision in ECE, ED 115 Education in American Society

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<i>First Year Semester 1</i>		
CS 100	Computers and Technology	3
CT 100	Critical Thinking	3
EN 101	English Composition I	3
PS 222	Child Development	3
	Science Elective	3/4
		credits: 15/16
<i>First Year Semester 2</i>		
LI 104	Children's Literature	3
ED 112	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EN 102	English Composition II	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	Science Elective	3/4
		credits: 15/16
<i>Second Year Semester 1</i>		
ED 203	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
ED 228	Guiding Children's Behavior	3
ED 230	Practicum and Seminar in in Early Childhood I	6
MA 109	Elements of Mathematics I	3
		credits: 15
<i>Second Year Semester 2</i>		
ED 240	Practicum and Seminar in in Early Childhood Education II	6
SO 120	Disabilities: Diagnosis and Interventions	3
	Humanities Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
		credits: 15
		Total Credits: 61/62

**required for Infant Toddler Lead Teacher certification

A grade of C or higher is required in all Education (ED) and PS 222 Child Development courses.

Quantitative skills are a MassBay graduation competency for associate degree programs. Prior to graduation, students must demonstrate this competency by completing a 100-level math course (not MAC); or placing into a 200-level mathematics course.

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This program qualifies as an Alternative Transfer Agreement (Mass Transfer) with select public institutions in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.mass.edu/masstransfer

PRACTICUM/STUDENT TEACHING

150 hours of student teaching for each practicum (workplace placement will be considered)

ED 230 is not required before ED 240.

Substitution/Waiver for **either** ED 230 **OR** 240 (but not both):

CDA Credential issued by the Council for Professional Recognition.

ED 260 ECE Foundational Practicum (4cr.) plus one ED elective

Waiver for experienced teachers who document competence (letter from employer/supervisor) with at least 2 years of experience in an EEC-licensed or license-exempt early childhood program and a B or better in the first practicum. Students granted a waiver may substitute 2 early childhood education electives for the 6 credits.

All students must successfully complete at least one 6-credit practicum at MassBay to be awarded the degree.