

Education Program A.A. Degree

Early Childhood Education Option

This option prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions to pursue preschool through third grade P-3 teaching certification. In addition, many courses prove relevant to the needs of parents and professionals from other fields. Students in this option take courses in education with required field experiences, coupled with general education studies required for successful transfer. Students are introduced to: the variety of early childhood education programs and constructs, inclusion education, teaching the exceptional child, emergent literacies, diversity in early childhood education, play based instruction, and professional opportunities in early childhood education. Students explore early childhood professional opportunities in business and industry. The courses offered in this option need to be taken in consultation with a College counselor.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Recognize, analyze and evaluate the roles and characteristics of the successful classroom teacher including:
 - skill in classroom management
 - sensitivity to diversity and special needs of young children
 - use of appropriate teaching and learning strategies in play-based and academic based settings
 - promotion of integrated literacy
 - mastery of subject matter
 - knowledge of child growth and development as applied to a variety of theoretical and philosophical perspectives
 - appreciation of ongoing professional development
- Demonstrate an understanding of the essential components of teaching and learning processes as they are articulated in diverse early childhood educational settings
- Think critically to analyze and evaluate cultural, societal and historical influences that affect early childhood education today.

Requirements

General Education - 45 credits as described on page 51 of the Catalog.

The following general education courses are

recommended for students choosing this program.

(Credit hours listed with each course)

ENGL 122 English Composition: 3

Writing and Research

Humanities Any Language course 3-6

Mathematics 3-4

Science (with lab) 4

Career Studies - 3 credits as follows:

EDEC 105 Foundations of Early 3

Childhood Education

*EDEC 199 Field Experience 0

Career Studies - 3 credits from among the following:

EDUC 216 Classroom Techniques 3

EDUC 217 Introduction to the 3

Exceptional Child

EDUC 225 Literacy Development and 3

Instruction

Suggested Sequence - Education Program A.A. Early

Childhood Education Option

The following sequence is an example of how this degree can be completed in two years. This sequence is based on satisfaction of all Basic Skills requirements and prerequisites

and presumes a Fall Term start date. An individual's program may vary depending on transfer institution, career objectives, or individual needs. See your counselor for other options and to monitor your progress.

Course Code Credits Course Code Credits

SEMESTER 1 SEMESTER 2

EDEC 105 3 EDEC 199 0

ENGL 121 3 Career Studies 3

PSYC 105 3 ENGL 122 3

Humanities 3 PSYC 206 3

Mathematics 3-4 Humanities 3

15-16 Mathematics or Science(2) 3-4

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SEMESTER 3 SEMESTER 4

Career Studies 3 Cultural and Global Awareness(1) 3

Technological Competency or 0-4 Humanities 3

Information Literacy

SPCH 115 3 History 3

Science (with lab) 4 Career Studies 3

History 3 Electives 3

15-17 15

Total Credits for Degree 60

(1) One course is recommended from the Cultural and Global Awareness knowledge area. Students may meet the requirements while simultaneously fulfilling the General Education requirement for another knowledge area.

(2) A minimum of 12 credits are required from the Mathematics, Sciences or Technological Competency or Information Literacy knowledge areas.

Career Studies - 6 credits from among the following:

HGEO 105 Human Geography 3

PHIL Philosophy Course 3

PSYC 218 Educational Psychology 3

SOCI 105 Intercultural Communication: 3

The Person and the Process

Electives 3

**EDEC 199 - Students who have completed EDEC 105 Foundations of Early Childhood Education, with a grade of B or better are required to complete 60 hours of observation in an approved academic setting to ensure transferability of EDEC 105 to a four-year institution.*

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that no more than six Education credits be taken in the first two years for transfer.

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**Elementary, Middle
School and Secondary
Education Option**

This option prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions to pursue Elementary, Middle School or Secondary Education teaching certifications. In addition, many courses prove relevant to the needs of parents and professionals from other fields. Students in this option take courses in education theory and practice and field observations coupled with the general studies required for successful transfer. Students are introduced to: foundations

of education, organization and structure of schools systems, teaching the exceptional child, inclusion education, literacies: emergent and content areas, effective teaching techniques, and technology integration in teaching and learning. Students explore professional opportunities in business and industry. The courses offered in this option need to be taken in consultation with a College counselor.

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Recognize, analyze and evaluate the roles and characteristics of the successful classroom teacher including:
 - skill in classroom management
 - sensitivity to diversity and special needs of students
 - use of appropriate learning strategies
 - promotion of literacy across the curriculum
 - mastery of subject matter
 - knowledge of child growth and development
 - appreciation of the importance of ongoing professional development
- Demonstrate an understanding of the essential components of teaching and learning processes in academic settings as they are articulated by current trends and practices in diverse educational settings
- Think critically to analyze and evaluate societal, cultural and historical influences that affect education

Requirements

General Education - 45 credits as described on page 51 of the Catalog.

The following general education courses are recommended for students choosing this program.

(Credit hours listed with each course)

ENGL 122 English Composition: 3

Writing and Research

Humanities Any Language course 3-6

Mathematics 3-4
Science (with lab) 4
Career Studies - 3 credits as follows:
EDUC 105 Introduction to Education 3
*EDUC 199 Field Experience 0
Career Studies - 3 credits from among the following:
EDUC 216 Classroom Techniques 3
EDUC 217 Introduction to the 3
Exceptional Child
EDUC 225 Literacy Development and Instruction 3
Career Studies - 6 credits from among the following:
HGEO 105 Human Geography 3
PHIL Philosophy Course 3
PSYC 218 Educational Psychology 3
SOCL 105 Intercultural Communication: 3
The Person and the Process
Elective 3

**Suggested Sequence - Education Program A.A. Degree
Elementary, Middle School and Secondary Education Option**

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Course Code	Credits	Course Code	Credits
SEMESTER 1 SEMESTER 2			
EDUC 105	3	EDUC 199	0
ENGL 121	3	Career Studies	3
PSYC 105	3	ENGL 122	3
Humanities	3	PSYC 206	3
Mathematics 3-4	Humanities	3	
15-16	Mathematics or Science(2)	3-4	
15-16			
SEMESTER 3 SEMESTER 4			
Career Studies	3	Cultural and Global Awareness(1)	3
Technological Competency or Humanities	3		
Information Literacy (2)	0-4	History	3
SPCH 115	3	Career Studies	3
Science (with Lab)	4	Elective	3
History	3	15	
15-17			
Total Credits for Degree 60			

(1) One course is recommended from the Cultural and Global Awareness knowledge area. Students may meet the requirements while simultaneously fulfilling the General Education requirement for another knowledge area.

(2) A minimum of 12 credits are required from the Mathematics, Sciences or Technological Competency or Information Literacy knowledge areas.

BACHELOR'S THROUGH BROOKDALE

This is a preferred Associate degree for students planning to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Brookdale's New Jersey Coastal Communiiversity. For program details and transfer information, students should talk to their Student Development Specialist or call the Communiiversity at 732-280-2090.

**EDUC 199 - Students who have completed EDUC 105 Introduction to Education, with a grade of B or better are required to complete 60 hours of observation in an approved academic setting to ensure transferability of EDUC 105 to a 4-year institution.*

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