

# Early Childhood Education, A.S.

Visit the Elementary Education Department page (<https://www.uvu.edu/education/elementary/>) for more information on the program and access to advising.

## Program Description

Individuals who earn an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education are prepared to teach preschool in private and corporate centers, Head Start, and public education tuition preschools, or work as center directors. The Associate Degree in Early Childhood can be planned to fill the majority of the requirements for entry into the Elementary Education Program. The UVU Early Childhood Education program is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>60</b>
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		<b>30 Credits</b>
ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning (3)	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6)	
MATH 1050	College Algebra (4)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
MATH 2000	Algebraic Reasoning with Modeling (undefined)	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics (3)	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5)	
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 1700	American History (3)	
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 and US History since 1877 (6)	
HIST 1740	US Economic History (3)	
POLS 1000	American Heritage (3)	
POLS 1100	American National Government (3)	
<b>Distribution Courses</b>		
Biology		3
Physical Science		3
Social Behavioral Science		3
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
Humanities		3
Fine Arts		3
<b>Discipline Core Requirements</b>		<b>30 Credits</b>
PSY 1100	Human Development Life Span ("C" grade or higher)	3
EDEC 1640	Childrens Music and Movement	2
EDEL 2200	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
EDEC 2300	Including Young Diverse Learners	2
EDEC 2500	Child Development Birth to Eight Years	3
EDEC 2600	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2
EDEC 2610	Child Guidance	3
EDEC 2620	Early Childhood Curriculum	3

EDEC 2630	Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood	3
EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum	3
EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment	2
Elective		1

## Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. C- grade or higher in all program classes unless otherwise specified.
3. Residency hours -- minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. First aid/CPR certification, food handler's permit, portfolio review and acceptance by Education Committee

## Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

### First Year

Semester 1		Credit Hours
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra	
MATH 1050	College Algebra	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries	
MATH 2000	Algebraic Reasoning with Modeling	
PSY 1100	Human Development Life Span	3
EDEL 2200	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
Humanities Distribution		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Semester 2

ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
EDEC 2600	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2
EDEC 2630	Literacy and Literature for Early Childhood	3
Physical Science Distribution		3
Social Behavioral Science		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

### Second Year

#### Semester 3

Biology Distribution		3
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
EDEC 2300	Including Young Diverse Learners	2
EDEC 2500	Child Development Birth to Eight Years	3
EDEC 2610	Child Guidance	3
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 1700	American History	
HIST 1740	US Economic History	
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 and US History since 1877	
POLS 1000	American Heritage	
POLS 1100	American National Government	
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

#### Semester 4

Fine Arts		3
EDEC 1640	Childrens Music and Movement	2
EDEC 2620	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
EDEC 2700	Early Childhood Practicum	3

EDEC 2720	Early Childhood Assessment	2
Elective		1
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and conduct themselves as members of the early childhood profession.
2. Understand that successful early childhood education depends upon partnerships with children’s families and communities.
3. Understand that child observation, documentation, and other forms of assessment are central to the practice of all early childhood professionals.
4. Program graduates are grounded in a child development knowledge base.
5. Use their knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for each and every young child.
6. Understand that teaching and learning with young children is a complex enterprise, and its details vary depending on children’s ages, characteristics, and the settings within which teaching and learning occur.

### Education teachers, postsecondary

- Total Positions 77,200
- Field Growth 3.3%
- Median Salary \$73,240
- Average Openings 6.1

### Preschool teachers, except special education

- Total Positions 528,500
- Field Growth 4.4%
- Median Salary \$37,130
- Average Openings 61.4

### Kindergarten teachers, except special education

- Total Positions 122,700
- Field Growth -0.7%
- Median Salary \$62,690
- Average Openings 13.3

### Elementary school teachers, except special education

- Total Positions 1,441,000
- Field Growth -0.7%
- Median Salary \$63,680
- Average Openings 93.2