



2005 – 06 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

Degree: Associate of Arts

Emphasis: Early Childhood Education

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About This Emphasis . . .

The Early Childhood Education Program provides students with a foundation for working with children from birth to age eight in a variety of settings. Our faculty offer one-on-one guidance for course selection, field placements, student teaching, and employment.

With an increasing focus on quality early education including Mesa County’s partnership with Qualistar Early Learning, many organizations are requiring their employees to demonstrate a level of expertise provided by this AA degree. Our students complete their degree with a culminating student teaching experience giving them an opportunity to teach in a real preschool classroom for a semester.

Graduates of the early childhood program go on to: be employed in large and small child care centers, open up their own home care centers, work in other school settings, or use coursework as a foundation to continue into elementary education. In addition, our program aligns with state requirements for group leader certification and large center director qualification.

POLICIES:

- 1. It is your responsibility to determine whether you have met the requirements for your degree. Please see your MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must go to the Registrar’s Office and fill out the “Intent to Graduate” form at the beginning of the semester prior to graduating.
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the semester prior to graduating, no later than October 1 for Spring graduates, March 1 for Fall graduates.
4. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature.
5. Finally, the Department Head or the department administrative assistant will take the signed forms to the Registrar’s Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
6. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your “Intent to Graduate” does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
7. NOTE: The semester before graduation, you may be required to take a Major Field Achievement Test (Exit Exam).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
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I, (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

Signature of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Signature of Department Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Signature of Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (34 Semester Hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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**English and Speech:** ENGL 111 and 112, SPCH 102 (9 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or above in ENGL 111 and 112)

ENGL	<u>111</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
ENGL	<u>112</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
SPCH	<u>102</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Physical Sciences/Math/Statistics** (7-10 semester hours)

Science (minimum 4 semester hours with a lab required)

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Math/Statistics (minimum 3 semester hours, must earn a grade of "C" or above) MATH 113 is strongly recommended.

<u>MATH</u>	<u>113</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** (9 Semester Hours)  
(Minimum of 2 different disciplines)

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**Humanities** (9 semester hours)

(Minimum of 2 different disciplines)

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**Human Performance and Wellness** (2 semester hours) HPWA 100 and one HPWE activity

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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HPWA	<u>100</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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HPWE	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Early Childhood Education Emphasis Requirements** (23 Semester Hours)

**Emphasis Specific Courses:** (19 semester hours)

Course	No.	Credit	Grade	Term	Year	Trns/Subs
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EDEC	<u>238</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Or**

PSYC	<u>233*</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDEC	<u>220</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDEC	<u>230</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDEC	<u>240</u>	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDEC	<u>250</u>	<u>2</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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EDEC	<u>299</u>	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Electives:** Choose 5 semester hours from BIOL 205, EDEC 102, EDEC 148, EDEC 216, EDEC 264, EDEC 290, ENGL 240, EDEC 196, EDEC 297

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\*For students who do not wish to pursue Director Qualification, PSYC 233 can be taken to fulfill the core requirement.

- 60 semester hours are required for the Associate of Arts degree. Must meet the academic residency requirements. Last 16 semester hours must be taken at Mesa State College.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher must be maintained for all courses taken and within the Early Childhood Education area of emphasis.
- A grade of "C" or higher must be earned in all general education courses in order to be accepted for the transfer under the Core Transfer Agreements.
- Students must have a current First Aid/CPR cards and create a portfolio.
- No double counting is allowed between general education requirements and major requirements.
- It is recommended that students work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting appropriate courses and scheduling classes.



## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS WITH AN EMPHASIS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
ENGL 111 English Composition	3	ENGL 112 English Composition	3
General Education Social/Behavioral Science	3	General Education Social/Behavioral Science	3
HPWE Activity	1	General Education Humanities	3
General Education Humanities	3	EDEC 230 Curr. & Development: Infant/Toddler	3
EDEC 240 Curr. & Development: Early Childhood	2	HPWA 100 Health and Wellness	1
EDEC 220 Intro to Early Care & Education	3	SPCH 102 Speechmaking	3
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### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
General Education Humanities	3	EDEC 299 Student Teaching: Early Childhood	5
PSYC 233 Human Growth and Development <u>or</u> EDEC 238 Early Child Development 0-8 Years	3	EDEC 250 Exceptionalities in Early Education	2
General Education Social/Behavioral Science	3	MATH 113 College Algebra	4
General Education Science with Lab	4	Early Childhood Education Elective	3
Early Childhood Education Elective	2		14
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### Required Course Work for Colorado Director Qualification of a Large Childcare Center

Offered Fall Semester at MSC		Offered Spring Semester at MSC	
EDEC 220 Intro. To Early Care and Education	3 Sem. Hrs.	EDEC 238 Child Growth & Development	3 Sem. Hrs.
EDEC 148 Guidance Strategies	3 Sem. Hrs.	EDEC 240 Curr. & Devel. Early Childhood	3 Sem. Hrs.
EDEC 216 Admin.: Human Relations	3 Sem. Hrs.	EDEC 102 Early Childhood Lab Techniques	3 Sem. Hrs.
BIOL 205 Health, Nutrition & Safety	3 Sem. Hrs.	EDEC 264 Administration in Early Education	3 Sem. Hrs.
<b>Total 24 Semester</b>			
<b>Hours</b>			
<b>Additional Requirements:</b> Current CPR/First Aid Card 1820 hours work experience in a licensed childcare center (for students seeking A.A. degree and Director Qualification concurrently) 3640 hours work experience in a licensed childcare center (for students seeking Director Qualification only)			
<b>Note: For the student seeking an A.A. in Early Childhood Education EDEC 299 Student Teaching in Early Education offered both Fall and Spring semesters will meet the requirement for EDEC 102 Early Childhood Lab Techniques.</b>			