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 the MSC Catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. You must turn in your “Intent to Graduate” form to the Registrar’s Office by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.
3. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than 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: ________________________________

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.

__________________________  Date
Signature of Advisor

__________________________  Date
Signature of Department Head

__________________________  Date
Signature of Registrar
Students should work closely with a faculty advisor when selecting and scheduling courses prior to registration.

Degree Requirements:
- 60 semester hours are required for the Associate of Arts degree.
- Must meet the academic residency requirements.
- 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher in all MSC coursework
- 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework 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 current First Aid/CPR cards and create a portfolio.
- Program sheets are for advising purposes only. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, check with your advisor for additional guidelines, including prerequisites, grade point averages, grades, exit examinations, and other expectations. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all guidelines for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the faculty advisor and/or Department Head.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- See the “Undergraduate Graduation Requirements” in the Mesa State College catalog for additional graduation information.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (31 Semester Hours)
See the current Mesa State College catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is on the general education list of options and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection within the general education requirement.

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**Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)**

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**Natural Sciences (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)**

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**Fine Arts (3 semester hours)**

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**OTHER LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

**Kinesiology (2 semester hours)**
KINE 100 Health and Wellness 1
KINA 1

**Early Childhood Education Emphasis Requirements (24 semester hours)**

**Emphasis Specific Courses: (19 semester hours)**
EDEC 238 Early Childhood Development
0-8 years 3

OR
PSYC 233* Human Growth & Development
EDEC 220 Intro to Early Care & Education 3
EDEC 230 Curriculum & Development: Infant/Toddler 3
EDEC 240 Curriculum & Development: Early Childhood 3
EDEC 250 Exceptionalities in Early Ed 2
EDEC 299 Student Teaching in Early Ed 5
*For Students who do not wish to pursue Director Qualification, PSYC 233 can be taken to fulfill the core requirement.

**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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**Electives (5 semester hours) Chosen from:**
BIOL 205 Health, Nutrition, and Safety
EDEC 102 Introduction to Early Childhood Professions Lab Experiences
EDEC 148 Guidance Strategies for Children
EDEC 196 Topics
EDEC 216 Early Childhood Administration: Human Relations
EDEC 264 Administration in Early Education
EDEC 290 Early Literacy for the Young Child
EDEC 297 Practicum
ENGL 240 Children’s Literature

Other requirements:

- 60 minimum semester hours
- Last 16 semester hours taken at Mesa State College
- 2.5 Mesa State College Grade Point Average
- Current First Aid/CPR Cards
- Portfolio

Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts - Early Childhood Education
Posted 11/6/07

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN
LIBERAL ARTS - EMPHASIS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This is a recommended sequence of course work. Certain courses may have prerequisites and/or are only offered during the Fall or
Spring semesters. It is the student’s responsibility to meet with their advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State
website for course availability.

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**Required Course Work for**

**Colorado Director Qualification of a Large Childcare Center**

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**Total 24 Semester Hours**

**Additional Requirements:**
- Current CPR/First Aid Cards
- 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)

**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.