



## 2008 – 09 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET

**Degree: Associate of Arts**

**Major: Liberal Arts**

**Emphasis: Early Childhood Education**

**[www.mesastate.edu/schools/shss/education/EDECcoursedescriptions.htm](http://www.mesastate.edu/schools/shss/education/EDECcoursedescriptions.htm)**

### 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).

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**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Department Head

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registrar

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Date

**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 toward major content area.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- 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.

Course	No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
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**English** (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "B" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

ENGL 111	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____
ENGL 112	English Composition	3	_____	_____	_____

(ENGL 129, Honors English, may be substituted for ENGL 111 & ENGL 112.)

**Math:** MATH 110 or higher (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)

MATH 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Humanities** (3 semester hours)

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**History:** (3 semester hours)

HIST	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**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

Course	No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
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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** (6 semester hours)

**Kinesiology** (2 semester hours)

KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1	_____	_____	_____
KINA 1	_____	1	_____	_____	_____

**Applied Studies** (3 semester hours)

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS** (24 semester hours)

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

EDEC 238	Early Childhood Development	3	_____	_____	_____
	0-8 years				
<b>OR</b>					
PSYC 233*	Human Growth & Development	3	_____	_____	_____
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

## 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 the assigned advisor and check the 2 year course matrix on the Mesa State website for course availability.

### 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
KINA Activity	1	General Education Humanities	3
General Education History	3	EDEC 240 Curr. & Development: Early Childhood	2
EDEC 220 Intro to Early Care & Education	3	KINE 100 Health and Wellness	1
General Education Applied Studies	<u>3</u>	PSYC 233 Human Growth and Development <u>or</u>	
	16	EDEC 238 Early Child Development 0-8 Years	<u>3</u>
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### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
General Education Fine Art	3	EDEC 299 Student Teaching: Early Childhood	5
EDEC 230 Curr. & Development: Infant/Toddler	3	EDEC 250 Exceptionalities in Early Education	2
General Education Science with Lab	4	General Education Science	3
MATH 110 College Mathematics	3	Early Childhood Education Elective	<u>3</u>
Early Childhood Education Elective	<u>2</u>		13
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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.

**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.**