Child Development Technology

Associate in Applied Science (AA1106)
The Child Development associate degree program, guided by competency standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), prepares and qualifies students for careers working with infants, toddlers and preschoolers in various roles such as administrators, teachers, assistant teachers in preschool or childcare settings. Child development majors focus on the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of the young child.

Program Description
The Child Development program offers courses that address knowledge and skills relevant to the preschool child such as basic child development principles, knowledge of child guidance and management, curriculum for young children, and strategies of home school collaboration. Educational theories and philosophies, program standards, professional code of ethical conduct, public policies and professional trends and developments are explored. In addition, the program provides a breadth of knowledge in general education areas.

Students participating in the sophomore clinical experience and the culminating practicum in daycare and preschool classrooms enjoy the opportunities to gain experience with children and put theory into practice. These experiences prepare students to assess the developmental skills of young children and to facilitate their care, development and learning.

Graduates who successfully complete the required course of study with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and pass the required teacher licensing exam are eligible to apply for the prekindergarten associate teacher license in Ohio.

Career Opportunities
Child Development graduates with the prekindergarten associate teacher license are in a great position to work as teachers or assistant teachers in various settings including private preschool programs and kindergartens, Head Start programs, and child daycare centers. They may also fulfill roles as child care center administrators, family daycare providers, site supervisors, preschool program directors and public school teacher aides.

Degree Requirements
Students are required to complete a minimum of 60 semester hours, including the core requirements and general education requirements. Students may attend full time or part time.
General Education Requirements
ENG1510 English Writing and Rhetoric
Tier I Quantitative Skills (1M)
NUTR1000 Intro to Nutrition (2AS) or HLTH2000: Public Health
One Science with Lab (e.g., BIOL1010)
One course in Cross-Cultural Perspective (2CP), Humanities and Literature (2HL), or Fine Arts (2FA)

Core Technical Requirements
EDTE1000: Intro to Education
EDEC 1600: Intro to Child Development (2SS)
EDEC 2001: Sophomore Clinical Experience
EDEC 2100: Children’s Literature and Story
EDEC 2301: Emergent Mathematics and Science Birth through Five Years
EDEC 2400: Infant and Toddler Education: Development, Curriculum and Program
EDEC 2500: Emergent Literacy and Reading
EDEC2929: Practicum Seminar
EDEC 3610: Guidance and Management
EDEC 3701: Diversity Early Childhood
EDEC 3801: Play, Music & Creative Exp.
EDEC 4100: Family, School, and Community
EDEC 3929: Practicum

Other Technical Requirements
EDTE 2000: Learning and Human Development
EDTE 2010: Characteristics Learners w/Exceptional
EDTE 2020: Field Experience Student Development
EDCT2030: Technology Applications in Education

Associate’s to Bachelor Degree Options
Many students choose to pursue the bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education upon completion of the associate degree in child development. With careful planning, 3.0 GPA and successfully passing the Core Academic Skills Praxis in Reading, Math and Writing, about 90% of the course work from the associate degree may be applied to the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education that could lead to a teaching license spanning from Pre K to Grade 3. Other bachelor’s degree options include bachelor’s degrees in Applied Management, Communication Studies, or Specialized Studies. Please meet with the program coordinator or your academic advisor to discuss your options and how they may be applicable to different career interests.

Admission requirements
To qualify for admission, a student must be a high school graduate or have completed the requirements for the GED. Visit www.ohio.edu/lancaster/futurestudents/admissions.cfm for more information.

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