

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## Early Childhood Education Major

ARTS & SCIENCES AND BUSINESS DIVISION

### Program of Study

With tighter legislative controls over child care centers and their employees, new laws have dramatically affected the quality of service and the required qualifications of those in Early Childhood Education. Public school systems and Head Start are providing early childhood settings. Head Start teachers are required to have a Pre-Kindergarten Associate teaching license.

Terra's Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education is a fully-approved program for the State of Ohio Department of Education's teaching licensure as a "Pre-Kindergarten Associate." Specialized admission requirements and performance objectives are detailed by law.

The faculty has identified the following Learning Outcomes for all graduates:

- Develop skills in operational procedures based on NAEYC guidelines useful in a variety of early childhood settings.
- Possess a theoretical knowledge of stages of human growth and development and developmental domains with an emphasis on 0 to 8 years of age.
- Develop sociological knowledge and skills to work with children and families of diverse economic, cultural, social makeup and those dealing with a variety of exceptionalities.
- Demonstrate skills in program planning, evaluation, guidance of children, individually and in groups, preparing the environment and working in collaboration with others.
- Provide proof of Department of Human Services and Ohio Department of Education guidelines for working with children in the state of Ohio.

### POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS:

- Early Childhood Director
- Early Childhood Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- Children's Tutor
- School-Age Child Care Administrator and Teacher
- Child Care Resource Referral
- Education Coordinator
- Home Visitor
- Home Day Care Provider

### Associate of Applied Science

#### TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION

		Credit Hrs.
ECE 1000	Introduction to ECE . . . . .	3
ECE 1100	Child Development . . . . .	3
ECE 1210	Infant and Toddler Curriculum . . . . .	3
ECE 1420	Creative Experiences in ECE . . . . .	3
ECE 2030	Family, School, and Community . . . . .	3
ECE 2130	Nutrition, Health, and Safety . . . . .	3
ECE 2300	Cognitive Curriculum for ECE . . . . .	3
ECE 2310	The Family . . . . .	3
ECE 2400	Behavior Guidance for Young Children . . . . .	3
ECE 2500	Emergent Language Literacy . . . . .	3
ECE 2630	Administration and Leadership in ECE . . . . .	3
ECE 2680	Educational Practicum . . . . .	3

**Total Technical Credit Hours . . . . . 36**

#### GENERAL EDUCATION AND RELATED COURSES

GEN 1000	First-Year Seminar . . . . .	1
EDU 1010	Introduction to Educational Technology . . . . .	3
EDU 1020	Introduction to Education . . . . .	3
EDU 1100	Educational Psychology . . . . .	3
EDU 1320	Children with Exceptionalities . . . . .	3
Choose One:	ENG 1050 College Composition I or ENG 1020 . . . . .	3
ENG 1060	College Composition II . . . . .	3
PSY 1210	General Psychology . . . . .	3
SPE 2010	Effective Speaking . . . . .	3
	*Humanities Elective . . . . .	3
	*Mathematics Elective . . . . .	4

**Total General Education & Related Credit Hours . . . . . 32**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS . . . . . 68**

\* See page 95 for a listing of specific electives.  
See your advisor for appropriate course selection.

\*\* All students graduating from Terra State Community College with an Associate degree of any kind will be functionally proficient in common computer operations and applications. Please see your academic advisor or academic division office for further details.

To determine when courses are scheduled, see program curriculum sheet which is available from the Enrollment Services office in Building A/Room 100, from the Arts & Sciences and Business Division, Building A/Room 202 or on the web at [www.terra.edu](http://www.terra.edu).