

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (636)

**Early Childhood Development**

**Purpose:** This curriculum is designed to enable graduates to qualify as directors, assistant directors, teachers, assistant teachers, or as classroom aides in programs for young children. The curriculum has been established to provide competency in areas documented by Virginia's Competencies for Early Childhood Professionals: health, safety and nutrition, understanding child growth and development, appropriate child observation and assessment, partnering with families and community, learning environment, effective interactions, program management, teacher qualifications and professional development. Students who are interested in working with special needs children should consult with the Early Childhood Development faculty.

**Program Objectives:** Employment opportunities include positions in independent childcare centers and kindergartens, family day care homes, preschool programs, centers for children with special needs, residential childcare facilities and industry associated centers. In addition, this program qualifies graduates for positions as elementary school or head start teacher assistants.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to credit-level coursework established by the college.

**Developmental Requirements:** Students who do not place into college-level English on the placement test will be required to take developmental courses.

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the placement test in the following mathematical units will be required to complete developmental courses: MTE 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

It is strongly recommended that developmental education requirements be completed as soon as possible.

**Program Notes:** Admission to CHD 165 is selective and must be approved by the program head. Eligibility is based on the following criteria: a 2.0 minimum GPA, completion of course prerequisites, any relevant internship site requirements and current documentation of a negative tuberculosis screening.

The deadline for applications will be May 1 of each year. If May 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the next business day. Information on the requirements for this process is available in the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences office and from the program head. Students not accepted into the program will have the option to reapply the following year.

Each student is responsible for transportation to and from field sites used for laboratory experience.

Although this program is not designed for transfer, articulation agreements with four-year institutions may be available. Contact the Early Childhood program head for details.

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## CURRICULUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

## GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES

## CREDITS

CST 100 .....	Public Speaking .....	3
ENG 111-112* .....	College Composition I-II .....	6
HLT 105 <sup>1</sup> .....	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (or HLT 106) .....	1
MTH 151* .....	Math for Liberal Arts or lab science .....	3
PSY 235 .....	Child Psychology .....	3
SDV 100 .....	College Success Skills (or SDV 101) .....	1
SOC 215 <sup>2</sup> .....	Sociology of the Family [or Social Science Elective (List B)] .....	3
E <sup>2</sup> .....	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (List A) .....	3

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED COURSES

CHD 118 .....	Language Arts for Young Children .....	3
CHD 119* .....	Introduction to Reading Methods .....	3
CHD 120 .....	Intro to Early Childhood Education .....	3
CHD 145 .....	Teaching Art, Music and Movement to Children .....	3
CHD 146 .....	Math, Science, and Social Studies for Children .....	3
CHD 165* .....	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings .....	3
CHD 166 .....	Infant and Toddler Programs .....	3
CHD 205 .....	Guiding the Behavior of Children .....	3
CHD 210 .....	Intro to Exceptional Children .....	3
CHD 215 .....	Models of Early Childhood Education Programs .....	3
CHD 216 .....	Early Childhood Programs, Schools and Social Change .....	3
CHD 265* .....	Adv Observation & Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings .....	3
CHD 270 .....	Administration of Early Childhood Programs .....	3
CHD 298* .....	Project in Portfolio Development .....	1
HLT 135 .....	Child, Health and Nutrition (or EDU 235) .....	3

**Total Minimum Credits for Degree ..... 66**

<sup>1</sup> The requirement for first aid training may be met by a Red Cross Certificate in basic first aid and infant/child and adult CPR.

<sup>2</sup> Electives must be chosen from the specific list referenced in the curriculum requirements above. List A and List B electives can be found on the Approved List of Transfer courses.

\*This course has a requisite. Requisites for all courses are listed in the course description section at the back of the catalog.

## SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

## FIRST YEAR

## FALL

CHD 120  
CHD 145  
CHD 210  
ENG 111  
PSY 235  
SDV 100

## SPRING

CHD 166  
CHD 215  
CHD 216  
ENG 112  
HLT 105/106  
HLT 135

## SECOND YEAR

## FALL

CHD 118  
CHD 146  
CHD 165  
CHD 270  
MTH 151  
Humanities/Fine Arts

## SPRING

CHD 119  
CHD 205  
CHD 265  
CHD 298  
CST 100  
SOC 215