

# **EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD)**

Scottsbluff/Sidney/Alliance

## **Programs and Awards:**

### **AAS.1312 (6165 Credits)**

#### **C1.1312D (26 Credits)**

This is a training program in Early Childhood Education for students who will be working with young children. This program prepares students to work in entry-level positions in day care centers, Head Start programs, private nursery schools, or in other positions dealing with young children. This is accomplished through a combination of general education and behavioral science courses, and practice applying classroom knowledge in the field.

#### **Objectives**

- Introduce the student to the normal physical, mental, and social/emotional development patterns of young children.
- Introduce the student to ways to safeguard and facilitate this development, including teaching, nutrition, safety, first aid, and social development activities.
- Introduce the student to methods of enhancing cognitive development.
- Familiarize the student with several agencies specializing in the care of young children and with the profession of early childhood education.
- Introduce the student to methods of enhancing parent and family participation in child development and childcare.
- Introduce the student to program management, organization, and planning.
- Allow the student to supplement and apply classroom learning with actual field experience in childcare.

#### **Notes**

- Students following the certificate option must demonstrate competency in writing and mathematics by assessment (eCOMPASS) or by passing the appropriate mathematics and writing courses (MATH-0150, MATH-0160, or OFFT-1500 **and** ACFS-0050W). This is in addition to the required curriculum for the certificate option.
- Students interested in a CDA (Child Development Associates) must make application on their own to the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition to receive proper credentialing. For information on the process involved and the organization's address, interested students should see their faculty advisor.
- Recommended elective: ENGL-1550.
- EDUC-2860 is strongly suggested for Elementary Education students of sophomore standing or higher. It is not recommended for first semester students.

#### **Required Curriculum - AAS Degree**

<b>1st Sem, Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>
SPCH-1200 Speech Communication ...	3
PSYC-1050 Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL-1500 English Composition 1 .....	3
FACS-1620 Introduction to Human Service Work .....	3
MATH-0160 Introductory Algebra (or higher)	
or	
OFFT-1500 Business Mathematics .....	3-4
<b>15-16 Credits</b>	
<b>2nd Sem, Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>

EDUC-1830 Introduction to Education	3
ANTH-2130 Mexican American and Native American Cultures	
or	
SOCI-2150 Living in a Diverse Society	3
ATHC-1790 Personal Health.....	3
BIOS, CHEM, or PHYS - Science .....	3-4
Electives .....	3

**15-16 Credits**

<b>3rd Sem, Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>
SOCI-2250 Marriage and Family .....	3
ATHC-1700 First Aid .....	2
ECED-1870 Early Childhood Education and Practicum 1 .....	3
EDUC-2860 Music Education for Elementary Teachers .....	3
PSYC-2100 Child Growth and Development .....	3
Electives .....	2-3

**16-17 Credits**

<b>4th Sem, Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>
ECED-1880 Early Childhood Education and Practicum 2 .....	3
EDUC-2890 Art Education for Elementary Teachers .....	3
ENGL-2100 Children's Literature .....	3
Electives .....	6

**15 Credits**

**Required Curriculum - Certificate**

SOCI-2250 Marriage and Family .....	3
PSYC-1050 Introduction to Psychology	3
ECED-1870 Early Childhood Education and Practicum 1 .....	3
PSYC-2100 Child Growth and Development .....	3

**Also recommended: ECED-1880**

Western Nebraska Community College is engaged in partnerships with Chadron State College and the other five Nebraska Community College Areas to facilitate the training of high quality service providers in the early childhood field. As a result of that collaboration, WNCC students have the option of taking courses offered by Chadron State College over the distance learning system or online courses from the other five Nebraska Community College Areas as part of their degree or certificate program. Enrollment is through the college offering the course and credits are then transferred back to WNCC.

Early Childhood Education courses offered over the distance learning system by Chadron State College include:

- Guidance Techniques in Early Childhood
  - Prenatal and Infant Development
  - Parenting in Contemporary Society
  - Curriculum Development in Family and Consumer Sciences
  - Program Management
- and/or any of the following online courses from the Nebraska Early Childhood Education courses offered online by the other five Nebraska Community College Areas as a part of the Academy Early Childhood Core curriculum include:
- Expressive Arts

- Observation, Assessment, and Guidance
- Infant Toddler Development
- Preschool Child Development
- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Early Language and Literacy
- Pre-Practicum
- Infant Toddler Practicum
- Preschool and School Age Practicum
- School-Age Child Development
- Children with Exceptionalities
- Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning
- Family and Community Relationships

Both the distance learning and online courses are offered on an irregular rotating cycle and should be taken when available.

Students seeking the Certificate in Early Childhood Education may take any combination of courses from either of these offerings. The certificate requires completion of any five of these courses which total a minimum of fourteen credit hours.

Students seeking the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education should consult with their advisor to identify appropriate substitutions from among these offerings.

**Course descriptions and syllabi for these programs can be found on the WNCC website at**

[http://www.wncc.net/programs/courses\\_by\\_subject.html](http://www.wncc.net/programs/courses_by_subject.html)