Early Childhood Education, AA/AS

Program Description

The FSHD Department offers an AA/AS degree in Early Childhood Education. All classes for this degree are offered online except for a required science class. Experience both academic theory and hands-on application through a series of classes, lab experiences and practicum to develop an understanding of physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children and acquire skill in planning and implementing programs that promote development. The program prepares you to work in a variety of early childhood education settings including child care centers, nursery schools, Head Start programs, school-age child care programs, and family day care homes. The Early Childhood Education AS/AA degree prepares students for employment as teachers in childhood programs and para-professionals in public school preschools. This degree can also prepare you to move into an Elementary Education Bachelors Degree.

Program Curriculum

63 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech’s minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

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Associate of Arts: Foreign Language Requirement

Complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits numbered 1000 or above in a single foreign language, through earned credit (grade C or higher), credit by examination, or vertical credit from the courses listed on the GE Foreign Language Requirement page

- Complete a 1020 or higher foreign language course listed below (grade C or higher)

- Receive 8 FLATS exam credits for FLAT 1000

- Receive 8 transfer credits GEF 1000 (grade C or higher) in a language not currently taught at Utah Tech

Available only to students who are nonnative English speakers, complete one of the following:

- Complete 8 credits of ESL courses listed below (grade B or higher)

- Submit one of the following test scores required for unconditional Utah Tech admission: TOEFL (61 iBT, 173 CBT, or 500 PBT); or Michigan (70); or USU-IELE equivalent score. Other tests may be accepted for admission to Utah Tech but will not fulfill this requirement. Official scores must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office.

1 General Education Foreign Language Classes may be found on the General Education page. (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#foreignlanguagerequirementstext)

Core Discipline Requirements

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**Recommended Electives**

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**Graduation Requirements**

1. Complete a minimum of 63 college-level credits (1000 and above)
2. Complete at least 20 lower-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
3. Cumulative GPA 2.75 or higher.
4. All Core Discipline Requirement Courses must be passed with a C- or higher