# Early Childhood Care and Education

## Overview

This program will provide students with the skills and knowledge to be responsible for meeting the specific needs of a group of children by nurturing the children’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs; setting up and maintaining the early care and education environment; and establishing a liaison relationship between families and the program.

## Program Information

Required program courses are taught consecutively. All courses in the major and ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101P, and ENGL 1102, when required, must be completed with a grade of ‘C’ or better to advance to the following courses. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better in all other general education courses to graduate. Specific information is available in the program’s student handbook.

For a Program Information Packet showing descriptions of each option, course descriptions, lists of course sequences, and the cost of books, tools, uniforms, fees, and other expenses, go online to https://www.isu.edu/earlychildcareeducation/program-handbook--forms/. Federal Student Aid is not available for the Basic Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education. Students may apply for financial aid for the Intermediate Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science degree by going to http://www.fafsa.gov/.

The Associate of Applied Science degree may be articulated into the Bachelor of Arts Blended Early Childhood Education degree that is offered in the College of Education. The Associate of Applied Science degree serves as the Early Childhood curriculum core of this credentialing degree for working with and teaching children birth through age eight. More information about the Bachelor of Arts in Blended Early Childhood Education can be found under Family and Consumer Science (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education/familyandconsumersciences/) within the College of Education section of this catalog.

The Associate of Applied Science Early Childhood Care and Education program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.