

# CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Associate of Science Childhood Education and Family Studies degree (AS CE&FS) meets all of the requirements for an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree while giving a strong foundation in childhood education and family studies - allowing students to earn a degree that will meet employment requirements for many early childhood programs, and provide an opportunity for a seamless transfer into a bachelor's degree program.

All courses specific to childhood education and family studies degrees and certificates are offered online through Southwestern's online platform. Transfer courses that meet Southwestern's course outcomes are readily accepted into the program.

Southwestern's AS CE&FS degree is articulated with Eastern Oregon University's online bachelor's degree with a focus on Early Childhood Education and Southern Oregon University's Early Childhood Development program. This degree can also lead to a bachelor's degree in human development, early childhood education or social science with a certificate in early childhood education at Portland State University (PSU) Distance Education programs. Students may petition for adjustments in the Southwestern AS degree if course requirements are met for the first two years of any regionally accredited four-year institution offering a degree in education, early childhood education, family studies, human or child development.

For further program information, contact the Childhood Education faculty at [ece@socc.edu](mailto:ece@socc.edu).

Southwestern's Childhood Education and Family Studies (CE&FS) program goals are to:

- Empower its graduates by enabling them to acquire the knowledge and skills that will allow them to excel in their careers or further educational goals.
- Support teachers' professional growth and development.
- Provide models for teacher candidates to develop effective knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Graduates of the Childhood Education and Family Studies (CE&FS) program will possess broad general education and content area knowledge, remain effective and reflective practitioners and problem solvers, apply innovative learning technologies, and participate in opportunities for professional growth.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete the College's placement process to determine skill level and readiness in math and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the placement process.

Students participating in all education practicums must meet measles immunization requirements. If you choose not to vaccinate for measles due to personal, religious, or philosophical reasons, you may claim a nonmedical or medical exemption. Visit [www.oregon.gov/oha](http://www.oregon.gov/oha) and look

under Program and Services for more information on how to get your immunization records or claim an exemption. Note that each practicum site may have separate immunization requirements.

Students will also be required to have a background check before they begin their practicums. Students whose home state is not Oregon need to get a background check from that state. In Oregon, all practicum students need to enroll in the Oregon Central Background Registry (CBR).

To begin this process, visit the State of Oregon Early Learning Division to apply for a background check and to receive additional information on how to comply with fingerprinting requirements. Note that each practicum site may require their own background checks.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 98 credit hours with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the degree is awarded.

Courses that are developmental in nature (designed to prepare students for college transfer courses) are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

## CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Credit for prior learning options are available for students with a Preschool Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, an Infant Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, a Step Seven on the Oregon Registry, or a Certificate of Completion for First Connections that includes mentoring in an infant toddler learning environment. Contact [ece@socc.edu](mailto:ece@socc.edu) for more information.

## PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this degree, students will have knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Observe, Document, and Assess to Support Young Children and Families
- Use Developmentally Effective Approaches
- Promote Child Development and Learning
- Build Family and Community Relationships

Math and writing placement are unique to each student and are determined during the admissions and intake advising process. Additional math or writing courses may be required prior to taking the math or writing program requirements in this degree.

## PROGRAM GUIDE

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECE150	Introduction and Observation in ECE	4
ECE170	Health and Safety Early Childhood	3
HDFS225	Prenatal Infant and Toddler Development	3

WR121	English Composition	4
MTH105	Math in Society <sup>4</sup>	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
ECE163	Environments and Guidance in ECE <sup>2</sup>	3
ECE163B	Practicum I ECE <sup>2</sup>	2
ECE151	Guidance and Classroom Management	3
HDFS247	Child Development 0-8	3
WR122	English Composition	4
Science/Mathematics/Computer Science <sup>3</sup>		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>19</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ECE209	Theory and Practice I Pre-K <sup>2</sup>	3
ECE209B	Practicum II Pre-K <sup>2</sup>	2
ECE154	Children's Language and Lit Dev	3
HDFS229	Child Development PreK - Adolescent	3
SP218	Interpersonal Communication <sup>5</sup>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
ECE102	Theory and Practice II Pre-K <sup>2</sup>	3
ECE102B	Practicum III Pre-K <sup>2</sup>	2
ECE240	Lesson and Curriculum Planning	3
ED169	Overview of Student Special Needs	3
Science/Mathematics/Computer Science <sup>3</sup>		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Winter</b>		
ED258	Multicultural Education	3
HDFS140	Contemporary American Families	3
Arts and Letters <sup>7</sup>		3
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Science/Mathematics/Computer Science <sup>3</sup>		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ED134	Children Who are Dual Lang Learners <sup>6</sup>	2
PE231	Wellness for Life <sup>9</sup>	3
HDFS222	Understanding Families: Supporting Diversity Disability and Risk	3
ED101K	Practicum: Grade K-3 <sup>8</sup>	1
Science/Mathematics/Computer Science <sup>3</sup>		4
Arts and Letters <sup>7</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>98</b>

- <sup>3</sup> AAOT Science/Math/Computer Science designated courses will satisfy this requirement. GS104, GS105, GS106, GS107, or GS108 are recommended.
- <sup>4</sup> A higher math may be substituted. Students considering the pursuit of K-12 teaching will be required to take MTH211, MTH212 and MTH213.
- <sup>5</sup> SP100, SP111, SP218, SP219 will satisfy this requirement.
- <sup>6</sup> For students wishing to pursue a career in Parenting Education and Home Visiting ED134 may be substituted with HDFS297.
- <sup>7</sup> AAOT Arts & Letters designated courses will satisfy this requirement. Students with 1st year Foreign Language or ASL are recommended to take Second Year Foreign Language or ASL. ART131, ENG109, or HUM206 also recommended.
- <sup>8</sup> ED101P or ED101K will satisfy this requirement, depending on Practicum placement.
- <sup>9</sup> HE250 may be substituted for PE231.
- \* All Honors courses may substitute for their equivalent requirements.

<sup>1</sup> One criminal background check and fingerprinting is required for all practicum courses.

<sup>2</sup> ECE163, ECE209 and ECE102 must be taken in sequence with their corequisite practicum courses. For those interested in working with infants and toddlers, ECE263, ECE161, ECE262 and their co-requisite Practicum courses may be substituted.