

# Early Childhood Education Advanced Certificate

## Program Description

The Early Childhood Education - Advanced certificate is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of Early Childhood Education.

This certificate fulfills the requirements of the Arizona Department of Education's Early Childhood Endorsement course work for current or Post Baccalaureate elementary education students and also fulfills the ECE course work necessary to qualify as an early childhood teaching assistant and/or teacher in many early care and education professional settings. All credits earned apply to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Note:** A current Arizona fingerprint clearance card is required for students working in the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center. A current card in Pediatric First Aid and Safety will be required for graduation.

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## Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Early Childhood Education - Advanced Certificate program, the learner will be able to:

1. Articulate positive guidance techniques with young children. (ECE 200, ECE 234, ECE 240, ECE 260, ECE 290 or 291)
2. Examine historical and contemporary trends in Early Childhood. (ECE 200, ECE 222, ECE 234)
3. Plan developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities. (ECE 200, ECE 202, ECE 210, ECE 216, ECE 222, ECE 230, ECE 270, ECE 290 or 291)
4. Discuss issues of ethics and professionalism in the Early Childhood field. (ECE 200, ECE 222, ECE 240, ECE 290 or 291)
5. Identify theories and milestones of growth and development in children. (ECE 200, ECE 201, ECE 216, ECE 230, ECE 234, ECE 290 or ECE 291)
6. Prepare healthy and safe environments for young children. (ECE 210, ECE 270)
7. Illustrate proper and healthy nutritional habits for children. (ECE 210, ECE 270)
8. Enumerate and illustrate several components of quality childcare. (ECE 200, ECE 202, ECE 210, ECE 216, ECE 222, ECE 230, ECE 234, ECE 240, ECE 270, ECE 290 or 291)
9. Develop constructive use of community resources. (ECE 222, ECE 240)
10. Create relationships with parents through communication and involvement. (ECE 222, ECE 240, ECE 260)
11. Prepare a professional portfolio. (ECE 202, ECE 230, ECE 260, ECE 290 or 291)
12. Integrate examples of children's literature into lesson plans for young children. (ECE 230)
13. Validate and support inclusive environments and programs. (ECE 200, ECE 202, ECE 210, ECE 222)
14. Provide for the special needs of infants, toddlers and school-age children. (ECE 222)
15. Develop time management skills and apply them in the early childhood workplace. (ECE 250, ECE 291)

## Program Requirements

A minimum of 30 credit hours is required to complete the Early Childhood Education - Advanced Certificate.

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours	
ECE200	Intro Early Childhood Ed	3	
ECE202	Early Childhood Curriculum	3	
ECE210	Infant and Toddler Development	3	
<b>OR</b>	ECE216	Playing to Learn	3
	ECE222	Intro Exceptional Learner	3

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<b>OR</b>	EDU222	Intro Exceptional Learner	3
	ECE230	Language & Literacy Experience	3
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	ECE234	Child Development	3
<b>OR</b>	PSY234	Child Development	3
	ECE240	Family & Comm Partnerships	3
	ECE260	Guidance of Young Children	3
	ECE270	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
	ECE290	Practicum: DireTECH Field Exp	3
<b>OR</b>	ECE291	Adv Practicum: Supervsd Field	4