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Associate + Bachelor's in
Early Childhood Education

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INFORMATION **SESSION**

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Agenda

- **Program Highlights**
- **Where to Start**
- **Curriculum Overview**
- **Admission Requirements & Application Process**
- **Deadlines**
- **Tuition, Financial Aid & OCCRRA Opportunities**
- **Questions**

Start To Graduation Support

Every student enrolled online is assigned a dedicated team providing one-on-one support. They are your partners who can help you manage your time and ensure you're meeting degree requirements to get you to graduation.

Enrollment Services Advisor
Support students from initial inquiry, through the application process, and on to confirming their spot in the program once admitted.

Student Success Coordinator
Support students from confirmation, through semester registration, all the way to graduation. Advocate for students and ensure they are informed of information necessary for success in completion of the program.

Academic Advisor
Assist Students in understanding specific program requirements, academic policies, and to develop course schedules that consider the students background and educational goals.

Program Faculty
Our highly qualified and experienced faculty support student's achievement in meeting course objectives and balancing the demands of the ECE workforce. Faculty are accessible and engage with students throughout the program.

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⏱ How Long Will it Take Me to Get My Degree?

100% Online

Asynchronous Format

Three Start Dates Per Year

- We offer three (3) start dates per year: Spring (January), Summer (May), & Fall (August)

- Each semester is between 13 and 15 weeks in length

Part-Time vs. Full-Time Options

- Part-Time: 6-9 credit hours

- Full-Time: 12 or more credit hours

- The average ECE student enrolls in courses part-time, taking between 6 and 9 credit hours per semester.

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National Rankings

2023 Best Online Bachelor's Programs
U.S. News & World Report

2020 #2 Best Online College
Best Value Schools

2020 #2 Best Online Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education
TheBestSchools.org

2020 Top 15 Best Online Associate in Early Childhood Education
TheBestSchools.org

BEST ONLINE PROGRAMS
U.S.News & WORLD REPORT
BACHELOR'S 2023

BEST ONLINE COLLEGES
BEST ONLINE
2020
BEST VALUE SCHOOLS

The Best Schools
2020
Best Online Programs
BACHELOR'S IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
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⚲ Program Offerings

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Care & Education

60 Credit Hours (20 Courses)

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood OHIO® Scholarship Eligible

Associate Degree Scholarship

Federal Financial Aid Eligible

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Age 5)

120 Credit Hours (40 Courses)

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood OHIO® Scholarship Eligible

Over 15 Established Articulation Partners

Federal Financial Aid Eligible

Personalized Education: With four different sub-plan options, you can tailor your education to your career goals.

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⦿ Where to Start

Associate Degree
Early Childhood Care & Education

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED.
- No ACT or SAT scores required.
- Open admission if transferring from another institution.

Key Considerations

- Associate Degree Scholarship.
- All courses apply towards the online ECE bachelor degree.
- Apply CDA from UC or another preparation program to receive college credit towards degree.
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship available.

Bachelor Degree
Early Childhood Education Birth – Age 5

Qualifications

- 2.5 GPA if transferring from another institution or continuing at UC.
- No ACT or SAT scores required.

Key Considerations

- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship available.
- Apply up to 90 credits from previous coursework towards program.

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Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Preschool

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE2020	**Creative Arts in Early Care and Education**	3
ECE2015	**Language Arts and Literacy in Early Care and Education**	3
ECE3110	**Math, Science and Social Studies for ECE**	3
ECE2080	**Preschool Student Teaching**	3
ECE2085	**Preschool Internship**	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being a Lead or Assistant Teacher in a preschool classroom at a:
  - Child-care Center
  - Head Start Program
  - Private Preschool

- Those interested in being a Curriculum Specialist or Preschool Supervisor.

This sub-plan includes three curriculum methods courses and two practicum courses (required for Ohio's PreK Associate License).

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Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Administration

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE3025	**Assessment and Evaluation in Early Care and Education**	3
ECE3045	**Creative and Instructional Environments**	3
ECE2070	**Supervision and Organization of ECE Programs**	3
ECE2075	**Operation of an ECE Program**	3
ECE3035	**Administration and Leadership in Early Care and Education**	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being an Administrator or Director at a:
  - Child-care Center
  - Head Start Program
  - Family Child Care Type A or B Home

This sub-plan includes courses that cover all aspects of owning and operating an early childhood program.

This sub-plan does not require a practicum.

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Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Infant & Toddler

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE2050	**Social Emotional Development and Guidance for Infants and Toddlers**	3
ECE2070	**Supervision and Organization of ECE Programs**	3
ECE2045	**Physical, Cognitive, and Language Development in Infant and Toddlers**	3
ECE4050	**Responsive Environments for Infants and Toddlers**	3
ECE4055	**Infant and Toddler Practicum**	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being a Lead or Assistant Teacher in an Infant or Toddler classroom at a:
  - Child-care Center
  - Early Head Start Program

- Those interested in being a Curriculum Specialist or Supervisor.

This sub-plan includes four curriculum methods courses and one practicum course.

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Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Nature-Based Early Learning

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE1060	**Nature-Based Early Learning**	3
ECE2160	**Movement, Storytelling, and the Arts in Nature**	3
ECE2165	**Becoming an Early Childhood Teacher-Naturalist**	3
ECE3065	**Inquiry and Early STEM Learning in Nature**	3
ECE3070	**Interpreting Nature with Young Children**	3
EDST2055	**Introduction to Education for Sustainability**	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in the knowledge base and dispositions needed to work in early childhood programs that focus on nature, for example:
  - Nature-Center Preschools
  - Zoo Schools
  - Forest Schools

- Those seeking ways to use greened-up playgrounds, playscapes, and nearby greenspaces with young children.

This sub-plan includes five curriculum methods courses and one practicum course.

Ours is the FIRST program in the country to offer a sub-plan dedicated to nature-based early learning.

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Practicum | How Does it Work?

How long is practicum?

- Infant & Toddler: 1 semester- 10 hours/week

- Preschool: 2 semesters- 1st Semester: 10 hours/week; 2nd semester: 15 hours/week

- Nature-Based Early Learning: 1 semester- 10 hours/week

Can I do my practicum where I work?

- Yes! If the center is highly rated or accredited.

Can I get paid while doing my practicum?

- Yes!

Does practicum lead to a Professional Teaching License?

- Only the Pre-School practicum can lead to the Ohio PreK Associate License

- *This program **does not** lead to the PreK – Grade 5 Professional Teaching License*

Dedicated Practicum Coordinator

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☑ Admission Requirements

First-Year Student

- Never attended college.
- Open admission with high school diploma or GED.

Required Application Documents

- Send official high school transcripts or GED to UC Office of Admissions.
- Do not email or fax transcripts.
- No test scores are required.
- Complete the free online application.

Transfer Student

- Attended another institution.
- Open admission for Associate program.
- Required 2.5 college GPA if applying for the Bachelor's program.

Required Application Documents

- No test scores are required.
- Complete the free online application.
- Send official high school and college transcripts to UC Office of Admissions.
- High school transcripts could be waived.

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☑ Transfer Students

Transfer Your College Credits Into Our Early Childhood Education Programs

- Students can earn transfer credits for coursework taken at <u>regionally accredited</u> colleges and universities.

- Potential to apply up to:
    - 40 credits from previous coursework towards the Associate's program
    - 90 credits from previous coursework towards the Bachelor's program

- Students who have completed their CDA Credential, can earn 6 credit hours toward their degree

- To determine what credits will transfer, you must apply to the program, once you are admitted, you will submit a petition for transfer of credits to be applied towards your degree.

Articulation Partnerships

- UC has articulation agreements set up with over 15 community & technical college partners.

- Students admitted to the Bachelor's program coming from a partner institution will be granted   automatic transfer of credit from their Associate's degree towards the Bachelor's program.

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⏱ Academic Calendar

SEMESTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Application Deadline	November 15	March 15	July 1
Confirmation Deadline	December 15	April 15	August 1
Classes Start	January 13	May 12	August 25

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💵 Financial Aid

- **Both degrees are eligible for federal financial aid (FAFSA).**

- **You must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours per semester to be eligible for FAFSA.**

- **If you are eligible for military benefits, please contact your regional VA Representative to determine if your benefits will cover the program.**

- **Tuition payment plans are available.**

- **Unique financial support offered by OCCRRA to early childhood educators in Ohio.**

Already filled out your FAFSA?

If you have already submitted your FAFSA, log into your FAFSA account and select "Make FAFSA Corrections"

From here, you can add UC's School Code: 003125

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💵 **OCCRRA** | T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship

Eligibility

- Type B Family Child Care Provider, Type A Family Child Care Provider, or teacher, assistant teacher, director, or owner employed in a licensed early care and learning program.

- Work at least 30 hours per week with children.

- Agree to commit to staying at the program for a minimum of one year after completing scholarship.

- Employer (Sponsor) must be located within Ohio, but Scholar may live elsewhere.

Support

- Pays for 90% of tuition and fees.

- Pays for 80% of book costs.

- $100 per semester for internet/travel.

- Reimbursement of $12 per hour to the sponsor, for providing up 6 hours per week of paid release time.

- $300 bonus every year at least 9 credits are successfully completed.

- One-time computer/laptop reimbursement for college degree scholarships of up to $1,500.

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