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Certificate of Proficiency

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The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program is designed for early childhood educators. Upon completion of the certificate of proficiency students may apply for the National Child Development Associate Certificate through a national CDA credentialing agency. If you wish to attain national certification, we recommend that you enroll in ECE 240, Child Development Portfolio and Assessment Preparation.

The Early Childhood Education Associate is a competent person who assumes primary responsibility for meeting the specific needs of a group of children in a child development setting by nurturing the child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs; setting up and maintaining the child care environment; and establishing a liaison relationship between parents and the child development center.

After completing requirements for the Early Childhood Education Certificate of Proficiency, you can earn a degree by completing the additional requirements for the Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science degree or Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science – BAS Track degree.

Curriculum Requirements

ECE 100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECE 102	Early Childhood Curriculum	3 credits
ECE 105	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3 credits
ECE 110	Infants and Toddlers Development	3 credits
ECE 120	Guiding Children's Social Development	3 credits
ECE 150	Practicum: Direct Field Experience Birth to Preschool	2 credits
ECE 210	Home, School, and Community Relations	3 credits
ECE 220	Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education	3 credits
Total Minimum Certificate Requirements - 23 credits		

In order to obtain this certificate you must:

- Complete each required course above with a grade of "C" or better.
- File a petition for certificate through your Gila Hank Online account.
- Remove any indebtedness to the College.
- Complete at least 12 certificate credits at Eastern Arizona College.