The Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education is designed to serve as a foundation for a baccalaureate degree. It also prepares the students for positions in Early Education Centers and qualifies them to teach preschool in Christian or private classrooms and centers around the world.

Upon completion of this program students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in curriculum areas taught in preschool.
2. Design and implement instruction and assessment for children in preschool.
3. Demonstrate the ability to create developmentally appropriate, positive, productive classroom environments with appropriate classroom management strategies.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of professional roles and responsibilities.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of differentiated instruction and diversity.
MAJOR STUDIES 18 Hours
ECE 1113 Foundations of Early Childhood Education
ENG 3113 Children’s Literature
HDV 2123 Child and Adolescent Growth and Development
PSY 3353 Psychology of Education
RDG 3123 Literacy Instruction I
RDG 3133 Literacy Instruction II

GENERAL ELECTIVES 3 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60 Hours

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES1122 in their first semester program.
3. Students must be approved to enter the Education program before taking any 4000 level EDU course.