

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PRE K-3)

Associate of Science in Teaching degree (A.S.T.)



Program and Career Description:

The Associate of Science in Teaching Degree in Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) is an education specialty designed to prepare individuals to work with children from Pre-K through 3rd grade. Early Childhood Education is a two-year program designed for students planning to continue their studies toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university.

- An associate's degree could lead to work as a teacher's assistant, Head Start teacher or work as a preschool teacher in a day care setting.
- A bachelor's degree could lead to a teacher certification in Pre-K through 3rd grade where you would be able to teach in a public or private school.

| Career | Entry-Level Education | Entry-Level Pay | Median Pay | Experienced Pay |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Elementary School Teacher | Bachelor's degree | \$38,490 | \$48,750 | \$55,890 |
| Teacher Assistant | Some college, no degree | \$17,180 | \$20,670 | \$25,980 |
| Preschool Teacher | Some college, no degree | \$17,900 | \$24,770 | \$37,410 |

Career and salary information taken from JOBS4TN.GOV. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with the option in Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) (A.S.T.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses - HIST 2010 and 2020 are recommended)
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Literature Requirement (Take one course)
ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)
Take either: ART 1035 or MUS 1030
and one from the following (do not duplicate courses):
ART 1035, 2000, 2020
ENGL 2055, 2130, 2160, 2235, 2310, 2320, 2860
HUM 1010, 1020
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
THEA 1030

Natural Sciences Requirement
BIOL 1080
PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)*
MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)
GEOG 2010
POLS 1030

Major Required Courses
COLS 101
ECED 1010, 2320, 2340
EDU 201, 222
EDUC 2210
MATH 1410

*Students transferring to APSU, ETSU, University of Memphis, UT Chattanooga and UT Knoxville should take MATH 1530.

Criminal background checks are required of all enrolled education students prior to participating in course required classroom field experiences at affiliate public and private schools. Based on the results of the criminal background check, an affiliate school may determine not to allow a student's presence at their school. This could result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of a specific course and the AST program. More information is available from education lead faculty.

Each student enrolled in education courses must show proof of individual liability insurance prior to the onset of the required classroom field experience. More information is available from the education lead faculty.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

| | | |
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| ___ ENGL 1010 | English Composition I | 3 |
| ___ ECED 1010 | Intro to Early Childhood Education | 3 |
| ___ BIOL 1080 | Concepts of Biology | 4 |
| ___ History Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ Mathematics Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ COLS 101 | Columbia State College Success | 1 |
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First Year – Spring Semester

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| ___ ENGL 1020 | English Composition II | 3 |
| ___ EDU 201 | Introduction to Education | 3 |
| ___ MATH 1410 | Number Concepts for Teachers | 3 |
| ___ History Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ ART 1035 | Introduction to Art <u>or</u> | 3 |
| ___ MUS 1030 | Introduction to Music | 3 |
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Second Year – Fall Semester

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| ___ COMM 2025 | Fundamentals of Communication <u>or</u> | |
| ___ COMM 2055 | Argumentation and Debate | 3 |
| ___ EDUC 2210 | Educational Psychology | 3 |
| ___ PSCI 1030 | Survey of Physical Science | 4 |
| ___ POLS 1030 | American Government | 3 |
| ___ ECED 2320 | Infant, Toddler & Child Development | 3 |
| | Take Praxis Core Tests* | |
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Second Year – Spring Semester

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| ___ Literature Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ ECED 2340 | Family Dynamics & Community Involvement | 3 |
| ___ Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement | | 3 |
| ___ GEOG 2010 | World Regional Geography | 3 |
| ___ EDU 222 | Education of Exceptional Learners | 3 |
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 63

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earning a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.
- pass all parts of the Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests for Educators (Reading 156, Writing 162, and Math 150 or have an ACT composite of 22 or SAT composite of 1020).
- having four Disposition of Suitability forms completed on you.
- taking the Columbia State Exit Exam.
- * It is recommended that students complete ENGL 1010, MATH 1410, MATH 1420 (not required but highly recommended), and EDUC 2210 before taking Praxis Core Tests.

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