Whether you want a single course to improve your parenting or are planning on a highly satisfying career nurturing young children, early childhood education at UAF Community & Technical College will provide you with practical skills and knowledge in child development. The focus is on developing meaningful approaches for working with young children and their families.

Our mission is to prepare early childhood educators who are critical thinkers, authentic, responsive, reflective and able to work effectively with children and families in a variety of settings. The emphasis is on the development of the whole child, prenatal through age 8.

Due to high demand for qualified early childhood professionals, graduates usually have a variety of options for employment. Graduates can look forward to many career options including: infant, toddler, preschool and K-3 teaching, before and after school child care, recreation leaders, parenting and staff educators, curriculum specialist, family home providers, licensing and regulatory experts, program directors, resource and referral specialist, family assistance administrators, home visitors, family advocates, and aides in elementary schools.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SAMPLE COURSE TOPICS

• Screening & Assessment
• Social Development
• Child Guidance
• Culture & the Young Child
• Nutrition & Physical Wellness
• Young Children with Special Needs
• Child Development

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The study includes positive methods for child guidance, partnerships with families, classroom activities and curriculum development as well as current issues and trends, professional ethics, supporting adaptive learning environments for children who experience health impairments and disabilities, safety, physical wellness, and other topics. Coursework is taught with appeal to hands-on learner styles, particularly helpful for students who enjoy interactive discussion and project-based activities. In association with the program, the Bunnell House Early Childhood Lab School, located on the main UAF campus, provides rich observation and practicum experiences for students. The ECE associate degree is excellent preparation for the bachelors of arts degree in child development and family studies or a BT in a related field of your choice.

To work in this profession, students must be able to pass a background screening.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students entering either the AAS degree or certificate program should meet with an early childhood advisor to discuss a specific course of study.

Classes are offered on evenings and weekends as well as during the day. All required classes are offered once a year, but the correct sequence is important. See an early childhood advisor for updated information on the planned rotation of course offerings.

Courses may be taken through any of the UAF campuses. Most classes are also available by distance on the web for students who need or prefer alternatives to scheduled class times.

APPLICATION PROCESS

• Review admission requirements with an advisor by calling 907-455-2842 or email uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
• Apply for Admission to UAF: www.uaf.edu/admissions
• Apply for Financial Aid: www.uaf.edu/finaid/ or call 907-455-2832
• Find Classes & Register: www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/
• Get Your books & Class Materials Organized - UAF Bookstore: www.uaf.bkstr.com
• Start your Journey at UAF CTC!

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