Applied Science (Early Childhood Studies), BAS

Do you already have an Associate in Applied Science in early childhood education? With this program you can earn a bachelor's degree and develop a range of skills that are in high demand by many kinds of employers that run educational services for children up to the age of five.

Program Description

The BAS with a concentration in early childhood studies is a two-year program for students who already have an AAS in early childhood education or a similar field.

Students gain skills in communication, critical thinking and leadership so they can positively affect school readiness for children from birth to age 5. Through online coursework, students deepen their understanding of the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of young children. Students learn to set developmentally appropriate learning goals, create and support effective instructional strategies and develop highly individualized instruction for young learners.

This program integrates experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum, allowing students to put coursework into practice. Students must be able to work or volunteer with learners in an early childhood setting for at least 15 hours per month throughout their junior and senior year.

Individuals who don't have an Associate of Applied Science degree may consider the Bachelor of Applied Science in educational studies with a concentration in early childhood studies program, which has a parallel curriculum.

This program does not lead to teacher certification. Students seeking teacher certification should enroll in one of the other Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College undergraduate programs.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#)
- **Location:** Online, ASU Local

- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a âdouble majorâ) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

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**Additional Requirements:**

This program is not available to first-year students.

**Transfer Admission Requirements:**

Students applying to this program must have completed an AAS degree from a regionally accredited institution AND be employed in an early childhood setting (e.g., Head Start, child development center, daycare or childcare center, private or public preschools, home-based child care) in order to successfully participate and complete coursework.

Students with an Associate of Applied Science degree, which consists of courses in specialized occupational areas built upon a general education core, will receive 60 hours of credit though a block transfer to the university. The block transfer applies only to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program. Students may receive up to 15 more credit hours for additional coursework completed at the community college or university that, through transcript evaluation, is determined to match a course in the degree program major map.
Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student must have completed an Associate of Applied Science in early childhood education or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution to change to this major.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local here.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad. They can explore how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education and conduct comparative research. Students can make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools and engaging in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities.
Career Opportunities

This program is a great option for students who are already working in the field of early childhood education.

Career opportunities for graduates include early childhood educators (birth to 5 years) in various settings, such as Head Start programs, child care centers, private preschools, nonprofit centers and home-based service providers. Other career opportunities include center-based administrators or directors; topic specialists that provide resources, training and technical assistance to teachers and programs; program managers; family specialists; and consultants.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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