

## **Associate of Applied Science with the Early Childhood Education Specialization Articulated with Early Childhood Development Program at Southern Oregon University**

Effective AY 2021/22 Remains in effect until updated or terminated by LCC or SOU

### **About the Program**

The Associate of Applied Science degree with the Early Childhood Education specialization has been reviewed with the faculty in the School of Education at Southern Oregon University (SOU). The degree is fully articulated with SOU's Early Childhood Development (ECD) program and allows students that graduated with the AAS with the Early Childhood Education specialization to transfer directly as juniors and to become admitted into the ECD program at Southern Oregon University with no loss of credits to pursue a bachelor's degree. The program offers an excellent balance of early childhood education and general education courses that support advanced study in the field of early childhood development.

Students should contact the SOU School of Education in the early years of their Associate of Applied Science with the Early Childhood Education specialization to be advised about additional requirements and procedures for admission. The program consists of up to approximately 112 credits taken at LCC, consisting of an AAS in Early Childhood Education (90 credits) as well as additional lower division general education (LDGE) credits required by SOU. The final 60 upper division credits may be taken online or in person (*e.g., Saturday Workshops*) through SOU.

Students should be aware that if they transfer before completing this degree, their courses will be evaluated individually toward the general education requirements in effect at SOU.

### **Entry Requirements**

Students are required to take the Lane Community College placement test to determine skill level and readiness as indicated by test scores. As part of their educational program, students must begin with the courses within their skill levels as determined by their scores. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success.

### **Advanced Standing**

Coursework from regionally accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies and the approval from the Chair of the SOU ECD program. To ensure coursework is current, program courses over 10 years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate department head before being accepted toward course requirements.

## **Graduation Requirements**

The LCC Associate of Applied Science with the Early Childhood Education Specialization will be awarded to students who complete all credits in this program with a grade of “C” or better. Certain required courses are graded on a pass/no pass basis only. A grade of “P” for these courses indicates a student earned a “C” or better grade.

## **Admission Requirement**

Students who have graduated from high school or completed a high school equivalency program in 1997 or after must have the following requirement for admission to a four-year Oregon state college or university: 1) Two years of the same high school-level second language with a grade of “C-” or better in all semesters, or 2) two terms of the same college-level second language with a grade of “C-” or better (may be first-year language which can be used as elective credits). Note: If students plan to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at a four-year school, they need to complete one year of foreign language at the second-year college level or above with a grade of “C-” or better regardless of when they graduated from high school or equivalency program.

## **Courses to complete**

Students may complete the requirements for the LCC AAS degree at LCC in addition to the courses that will transfer to SOU to meet the SOU Lower Division General Education Requirements (LDGE). Students can choose to take courses that will satisfy SOU LDGE at LCC or SOU. It is highly recommended students work with an academic advisor at LCC to develop a course plan that is best for the student and will allow the completion of the AAS requirements and the SOU LDGE requirements in a timely and economic manner.

Complete the LCC AAS requirements and the SOU LDGE requirements, followed by 60 Upper Division online or in-person credits through SOU (180 credits total).

## **Courses to complete at LCC to apply to SOU’s Lower Division General Education Requirements**

### **Writing and Oral Communication 12 credits**

Complete the following courses with a C- or better.

\*WRI 121 Academic Composition 4 credits

WRI 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition 4 credits

Complete one of the following courses with a C- or better.

COMM 218 Interpersonal Communication 4 credits

or

COMM 219: Small Group Communication 4 credits

\* The AAS degree requires 6 elective credits. WR 121 is an approved elective from the elective credit list. This course is required to satisfy SOU Lower Division General Education Writing and

Oral Communication requirements and will satisfy 4 credits of the 6 elective credits needed for the AAS degree.

**Mathematics (General Education - Quantitative Reasoning) minimum 4 credits**

Complete at least one math course from the [General Education Transfer Guide](#)

The Bachelor of Science degree at SOU requires two courses (7 or more credits) of math, designated programming, statistics, or logic courses. The second course may be completed at LCC or SOU. Please see your advisor for more details.

**Humanities Exploration - Minimum Credits: 9-12**

Complete at least three Humanities courses from the [General Education Transfer Guide](#)

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree at SOU requires completion of 1 year of the same foreign language at 2nd year level or above, or 4 years of the same foreign language in high school (C- or better), or successful completion of a proficiency exam. Second year foreign language may simultaneously count for Humanities and the BA requirements. Please see your advisor for more details.

**Social Science Exploration - Minimum Credits: 9-12**

Complete at least three Social Science courses from the [General Education Transfer Guide](#)

The LCC AAS degree requires 3 credits from a HE/PE/D subject.  
The following courses will satisfy LCC AAS requirements and SOU Social Science requirements. It is recommended you work with an LCC academic advisor to determine if one or more of these courses will be appropriate to complete your AAS degree.

- HE 250 Personal Health 3 credits
- HE 275 Lifetime Health and Fitness 3 credits
- HE 209 Human Sexuality 3 credits

**Science Exploration - Minimum Credits: 11-12**

Complete at least three Science courses from the [General Education Transfer Guide](#) At least two of the science courses must have labs.

Lower Division Credits 45-52 credits

**Program Core courses to be completed at LCC**

These courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better, or Pass.

- ECE 105 - Health and Safety Issues in Early Childhood Education 2 credits
- ECE 110 - Observing Young Children's Behavior 1 credit

ECE 120 - Introduction to Early Childhood 2 credits  
ECE 130 - Guidance of Young Children 3 credits  
ECE 150 - Creative Activities for Children 3 credits  
ECE 160 - Exploring Early Childhood Curriculum 4 credits  
ECE 170 - Infants and Toddlers Development 4 credits  
ECE 210 - Applying Early Childhood Curriculum 4 credits  
ECE 230 - Family, School, Community Relations 3 credits  
ECE 250 - Infant and Toddler Environments 3 credits  
ECE 260 - Administration of Child Care Programs 3 credits  
FN 130 - Family Food and Nutrition 3 credits  
HDFS 226 - Child Development 3 credits  
HDFS 227 - Children Under Stress 3 credits

**Choose 1 course to fulfill the LCC AAS Multicultural/Diversity requirement**

ECE 253 - Diversity Issues in Early Childhood Education 3 credits  
ED 258 - Multicultural Education 3 credits

**Choose 1 course to fulfill the LCC AAS Inclusion/Special Needs requirement**

HDFS 228 - Young Children with Special Needs 3 credits  
ED 269 - Inclusion and Special Needs 3 credits

Approved elective courses 6 credits

WR 121 will satisfy 4 or the 6 elective credit and is required to satisfy SOU's LDGE. It is recommended student's work with an LCC academic advisor to find another course that will meet this requirement and be able to be used towards the SOU LDGE.

**To earn the LCC degree students must complete supervised Teaching and Cooperative Education requirements the courses listed below must be completed with a grade of C- or better, or Pass.**

**Supervised Teaching - Complete 12 credits of the following**

ECE 240 - Supervised Student Teaching 4 credit

**Cooperative Education - Complete 6 credits of the following**

ED 280EC - Co-op Ed: Early Childhood Education 1-7 credits

Total credits to earn the LCC AAS degree 90

Total credits transferred including course to meet SOU LDGE ~112-119

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