



Suggested Schedule to Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

This pathway meets requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Early Childhood Education. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to start a different quarter or take alternate courses not listed below please meet with an ECE advisor. This program requires you to work or volunteer in an early childhood setting with children ages birth to eight years.

Before You Start

- AAS in Early Childhood Education

To Do

- Apply to North Seattle College and to the ECE BAS program.
- Upon admission to the ECE BAS program, attend on-boarding, submit letter of intent, and complete waiver exams if applicable.
- Transfer previous college credits to [North](#).
- Apply for financial aid and follow up on application with the financial aid office.
- Apply for Child Care Aware Washington Scholarship if you work at an Early Achievers Site.
- Apply for Bainum Scholarship once admitted.
- If not currently working in the field, secure a practicum placement, pay your practicum fee, and obtain your required background check through the Department of Children, Youth & Families.
- If an international student, please see BAS Program Manager for additional admissions steps.
- Attend September orientation and explore math placement options.

Year One

Credits

Quarter 1

- ECE 305 ECE Approaches and History 3
- ECE 310 Cognition and General Knowledge..... 5
- INFO 300 Info Literacy for Undergraduate Research 2

Quarter 2

- ECE 315 Language, Literacy and Communication 5
- ECE 355 Anti-Bias Education 5

Quarter 3

- ECE 320 Creative Expression 3
- ECE 350 Practicum: Interactions 4
- ECE 430 Linguistic Diverse Learners 3

Quarter 4

- General education* 5

Quarter 1

- Attend group advising (during class time) and view degree audit each quarter.
- Create an educational plan with your assigned advisor (preferred: once official transcript evaluation completed).
- Check in with your funding source and apply for other funding if needed.
- Submit Child Care Aware advising form during group advising if receiving scholarship.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc. .

Quarter 2

- Visit the Student Learning Center to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- If on scholarship or workforce education, send in your quarterly enrollment each quarter.
- Consult the Early Childhood Community Resources canvas shell for more information and opportunities about ECE.

Quarter 3

- Apply for Summer Financial Aid.
- Register for both summer and fall quarters.
- Consider exploring graduate school opportunities.
- If you have any funding gaps, apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship.
- Visit Career Services office in the OCE&E building to learn about career/job exploration resources.

Quarter 4

- If you haven't taken math placement test, please complete by the end of the quarter.
- Explore professional organization memberships and attend meetings.
- *See your advisor for general education recommendations and requirements.



Year Two

Quarter 5

- ECE 405 Partnership and Collaboration in ECE 3
- ECE 410 Inclusive Early Childhood Education 4
- ECE 415 Children and Media..... 3

Quarter 6

- ECE 420 Social and Emotional Foundations
Early Learning..... 5
- ECE 450 Child Development and Assessment 5

Quarter 7

- ECE 480 Leadership and Professional Community..... 5
- ECE 490 Capstone 5

Quarter 8

- General education* 5
- General education* 5

Year Three

Quarter 9

- General education* 5
- General education* 5

Quarter 10

- General education* 5
- General education* 5

Quarter 11

- General education* 5
- General education* 5

Total Credits Required: 180

60 credits upper division ECE + 120 additional credits.

Quarter 5

- Submit Child Care Aware advising form during group advising if receiving scholarship.
- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor..

Quarter 6

- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.

Quarter 7

- Complete math and English if you haven't already.
- Check your degree audit and ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Apply for Summer Financial Aid.
- Return any rental items to the library.

Quarter 8

- Update your educational plan with your advisor.
- * See your advisor for general education recommendations and requirements.

Quarter 9

- Update your educational plan with your advisor.
- * See your advisor for general education recommendations and requirements.

Quarter 10

- Apply for graduation for the BAS in Early Childhood Education during a group advising session.
- Ensure all Academic Exception paperwork is submitted (such as course substitutions, transfer credit, and PLA), if needed.

Quarter 11

- Order cap and gown for commencement and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.
- Add your classmates on LinkedIn to grow your network and keep in touch.



About the Pathway

This pathway meets requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Early Childhood Education. Completion of this degree provides an opportunity for students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education or a related program to continue their studies. Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in family child care, public and private preschools, family support, and administration.

Students in this pathway develop skills in professional development training for early care and education professionals, allowing them to keep pace with the increasing professionalization of the field. The curriculum aligns with accreditation standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). We aim to prepare educators who are skilled in addressing and undoing barriers of inequity and misinformation. This emphasis upon anti-bias education forms the foundation of our curriculum and programming.

Students in this pathway develop and apply advanced skills in child development, anti-bias education, supporting child outcomes across developmental domains, curriculum development, evaluation and assessment, and behavior guidance. This does not grant K-8 teacher certification.

Career Opportunities

- Lead Teacher in early childhood setting
- Director level positions
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Family Support Specialist
- Before and After School Care Director
- Early Learning Coach

For current employment and wage estimates, please visit www.bls.gov/oes.

Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students in need should apply for financial aid – do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back. You do not need to be a full-time student to receive financial aid funds.

Some students may be eligible for Workforce Education tuition assistance programs depending on program of study, family income and family size, DSHS assistance, unemployment/employment status of self or spouse, or veteran status. Take this short survey to find out if you pre-qualify for funding at: www.StartNextQuarter.org.

Depending on your work place, you may be eligible for Early Achievers funding. At the bachelor's level, funds are distributed through Child Care Aware. Link: <https://childcareawarewa.org/providers/>

Once admitted to the program, check your Canvas BAS Advising page for additional funding opportunities.

Length of Program

60 credits upper division ECE + 120 additional credits = 180 credits total. These credits take approximately three years to complete. Students who take 15 credits each quarter earn their degree faster, qualify for more financial aid, and earn more money over their lifetime because they complete their schooling faster.

International Students

Contact international programs and academic advisor for additional admissions, practicum and visa information.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers courses on-campus evenings, online, in the day time, or hybrid (part on-campus, part online), Monday-Saturday.

Find Out More

Visit northseattle.edu/programs/early-childhood-education to learn more about this pathway, or contact the Early Childhood Education advisor at eceinfo@seattlecolleges.edu or 206-934-6029.

Which quarter can I begin?

Upper division classes begin fall quarter, but students can begin work on prerequisites/electives/general education requirements any quarter.

Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the BAS degree, additional education opportunities include:

- A Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Child, Youth, and Family Studies, Education (such as Special Education, Higher Education, Educational Policy, and Curriculum and Instruction), Public Administration, Human Development; Children's Literacy or a related field.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.