



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

- 70+ college level credits
- ECED& 107 Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- EDUC& 115 Child Development
- EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior
- EDUC& 150 Child, Family and Community
- ECED& 160 Curriculum Development
- ECED& 170 Environments-Young Child
- ENGL& 101 English Composition I

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
- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5

Quarter 2

- ECE 315 Language, Literacy and Communication 5
- ECE 355 Anti-Bias Education 5
- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5

Quarter 3

- ECE 320 Creative Expression 3
- ECE 350 Practicum: Interactions 4
- ECE 430 Linguistic Diverse Learners 3
- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5

Quarter 4

- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5
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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.
- Math placement test highly recommended; encouraged to take math by end of year one.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc.
- *See your advisor for general education recommendations and requirements.

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.
- If you have any funding gaps, apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship.
- Consult the Early Childhood Community Resources canvas shell for more information and opportunities about ECE.
- Visit Career Services office in the OCE&E building to learn about career/job exploration resources.

Quarter 3

- Attend group advising to determine if you need summer classes.
- Apply for Summer Financial Aid.
- Register for both summer and fall quarters.
- Consider exploring graduate school opportunities.

Quarter 4

- If applicable, apply for graduation for your associate degree program at an advising appointment.
- Check your degree audit and check in with your advisor to update your educational plan.
- If you haven't taken math placement test, complete by the end of the quarter.
- Focus on any challenging general education requirements to complete this quarter.
- Explore professional organization memberships and attend meetings.



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
- Elective* 3-5

Quarter 6

- ECE 420 Social and Emotional Foundations
Early Learning..... 5
- ECE 450 Child Development and Assessment 5
- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5

Quarter 7

- ECE 480 Leadership and Professional Community..... 5
- ECE 490 Capstone 5
- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5

Quarter 8

- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5
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Year Three

Quarter 9

- Elective or General Education Requirement* 3-5
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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.
- Create a LinkedIn profile and clean-up your online presence.
- Explore professional organization memberships and attend meetings.

Quarter 6

- Complete math and English if you haven't already.
- Check your degree audit and ensure you are on track to graduate.
- If completed all requirements, 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 7

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

Quarter 8

- Check your degree audit. If you need additional classes, you may need to take another quarter.
- Apply for graduation for the BAS in Early Childhood Education degree with your assigned advisor once you have completed all your classes.
- Ensure all Academic Exception paperwork is submitted (such as course substitutions, transfer credit, and PLA), if needed.

Quarter 9

- If you have not completed all general education/elective requirements, please take fall quarter.
- Check your degree audit. If you need additional classes, you may need to take another quarter.



About the Pathway

This pathway meets requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree 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. This pathway assumes previous completion of an Associate of Arts degree. 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.

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 two years to complete.

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 ecinfo@seattlecolleges.edu or [206-934-6029](tel: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.