



Suggested Schedule to Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with a North advisor to confirm you're still meeting AAS degree requirements. This program requires you to work or volunteer in an early childhood setting with children ages birth to eight years.

Before You Start

- Pre-College Math or [Adult Basic Education \(ABE\)](#) if needed.
- Pre-College English, [Adult Basic Education \(ABE\)](#) or [English as a Second Language \(ESL\)](#) if needed.

To Do

- Explore placement options: take the [Math and English placement tests](#) if needed.
- Transfer previous college credits to [North](#).
- Attend New Student Orientation.
- Apply for financial aid and follow up on application with financial aid office.
- Visit [startnextquarter.org](#) to find out if Workforce Education funding is available for you.
- If not currently working in the field, secure a practicum placement and obtain your required background check through the Department of Children, Youth & Families.
- Contact ECEinfo@seattlecolleges.edu to discuss Early Achievers funding.

Year One

Credits

Quarter 1

- ECED& 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education5
- ECED& 120 Practicum: Nurturing Relationships.....2
- EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior3
- ECED& 139 Administration.....3

Quarter 2

- ECED& 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition5
- EDUC& 115 Child Development5
- ECED& 132 Infants and Toddlers3

Quarter 3

- ECED& 170 Environments-Young Children.....3
- ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development.....3
- Human Relations: HUM 105
Intercultural Communication5
- Math or ENGL&101 English Composition I5

Quarter 4

- ECED& 160 Curriculum Development5
- ECED& 190 Observing and Assessment3
- EDUC& 150 Child, Family and Community3

Quarter 1

- Attend online Zoom orientation before starting classes or during your first quarter.
- Attend group advising (during class time), check in with your funding source and view degree audit.
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Create an educational plan with your advisor and check all credits from other colleges transferred in.
- Attend the Early Childhood Education Career Fair to learn about job opportunities.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc.

Quarter 2

- Visit Career Services office in the OCE&E building to learn about career/job exploration resources.
- Attend an "Exploring Career and Majors Workshop" or meet with a counselor.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- (Workforce) Fill out quarterly enrollment form (QEF) for Workforce Education (if necessary).
- (Early Achievers) Confirm your educational plan with your point of contact.
- Apply for the Initial and Short certificates in Early Childhood Education.

Quarter 3

- Attend a resume workshop and create a resume.
- Apply for Summer Financial Aid.
- If you have any funding gaps, apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship.
- Goal: Complete pre-college math and English by the end of your first year!
- Register for both summer and fall quarters.
- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs.

Quarter 4

- Apply for the State certificate in Early Childhood Education
- Consult the Early Childhood Community Resources canvas shell for more information and opportunities about ECE.



Year Two

Quarter 5

- Math or ENGL&101 English Composition I5
- EDUC 222 Math and Science Methods in ECE5
- Recommended Elective: CCE 145 Music and Creative Expression3

Quarter 6

- CCE 240 Multicultural Dialogues in ECE3
- EDUC& 203 Exceptional Child3
- EDUC 219 Practicum: Instructional Interactions5

Quarter 7

- US Cultures/Global Studies5
- Elective: CCE 195 Art for Young Children3
- Elective: ECED 250 Infant/Toddler Mental Health5

Total Credits Required: 90

Quarter 5

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Update your resume for job search and attend an interview prep workshop.
- Research future education options such as the BAS in Early Childhood Education or Master's degree (if have a bachelor's already).
- Create a LinkedIn profile and clean up your online presence.
- (Workforce) Fill out quarterly enrollment form (QEF) for Workforce Education (if necessary).
- (Early Achievers) Confirm your educational plan with your point of contact.

Quarter 6

- Attend the ECE BAS information session.
- Apply for the BAS in Early Childhood Education program or other future education opportunities and funding.
- Apply for graduation for the AAS degree in Early Childhood Education during a group advising session.
- Ensure all Academic Exception paperwork is submitted (such as course substitutions, transfer credit, and PLA) as needed.

Quarter 7

- 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 Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Education. Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in family child care, public and private preschools, family support, and administration. It also allows you to transfer at the junior level into a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Early Childhood Education or related bachelor's degree.

Students in this pathway develop 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
- Assistant Director
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Family Support Specialist
- Before and After School Care

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit www.bls.gov/oes.

Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1555
International students.....	\$3298
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees.....	\$475

***Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.**

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. Contact eceinfo@seattlecolleges.edu for more information.

Length of Program

90 credits = 7 quarters if you take 15 credits each term.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers courses on-campus in the evenings, online, or hybrid (part on-campus, part online), Monday-Thursday and Saturdays.

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](tel:206-934-6029).

Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

Future Education Opportunities

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

- A Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Early Childhood Education at North Seattle College.
- A Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Behavioral Science, Child, Youth, and Family Studies, Human Development, Children's Literacy or a related field at a community or technical college.
- A Bachelor's of Applied Science (BAS) in Teaching for P-3 teaching in public elementary schools. Currently, programs are limited but evolving throughout the state of Washington.

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.