



## 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](http://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](mailto:ECEinfo@seattlecolleges.edu) to discuss Early Achievers funding.

### Year One

#### Credits

#### Quarter 1

- ECED& 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education ..... 5
- ECED& 120 Practicum: Nurturing Relationships ..... 2
- EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior ..... 3

#### Quarter 2

- ECED& 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition ..... 5
- EDUC& 115 Child Development ..... 5

#### Quarter 3

- ECED& 170 Environments-Young Children ..... 3
- ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development ..... 3

#### Quarter 4

- ECED& 160 Curriculum Development ..... 5
- ECED& 190 Observing and Assessment ..... 3

#### Quarter 1

- Attend online Zoom orientation before starting classes or during your first quarter.
- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals.
- Attend group advising (during class time), check in with your funding source and view degree audit.
- Create an educational plan with your advisor and check all credits from other colleges transferred in.
- Drop by the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- 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.
- (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

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

#### Quarter 4

- Consult the Early Childhood Community Resources canvas shell for more information and opportunities about ECE.



## Year Two

### Quarter 5

- ENGL& 101 English Composition I .....5
- EDUC& 150 Child, Family and Community .....3

### Quarter 6

- CCE 200 Children and Nature .....3
- ECED& 132 Infants and Toddlers .....3

### Quarter 7

- EDUC 222 Math and Science Methods in ECE .....5
- Math .....5

### Quarter 8

- Human Relations .....5
- Elective ECED 250 Infant/Toddler Mental Health .....5

## Year Three

### Quarter 9

- ECED& 139 Administration .....3
- Elective: CCE145 Music and Creative Expression .....3

### Quarter 10

- CCE 240 Multicultural Dialogues in ECE .....3
- EDUC& 203 Exceptional Child .....3
- EDUC 219 Practicum: Instructional Interactions .....5

### Quarter 11

- US Cultures/Global Studies .....5

**Total Credits Required: 90**

### Quarter 5

- Research future education options such as the BAS in Early Childhood Education or Master's degree (if have a bachelor's already).
- (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

- Goal: Complete pre-college math and English by the end of your second year!
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.

### Quarter 7

- Apply for the State certificate in Early Childhood Education.
- Apply for Summer Financial Aid.
- If you have any funding gaps, apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship.
- Register for both summer and fall quarters.

### Quarter 8

- (Workforce) Fill out quarterly enrollment form (QEF) for Workforce Education (if necessary).
- (Early Achievers) Confirm your educational plan with your point of contact.

### Quarter 9

- Attend the ECE BAS information session.
- Apply for the ECE BAS program or other future education opportunities and funding.
- Check your degree audit and ensure you are on track to graduate.

### Quarter 10

- Apply for graduation for the AAS in Early Childhood Education degree during a group advising session.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Create a LinkedIn profile and clean up your online presence.

### 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 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](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

## Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1283
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. 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](http://www.StartNextQuarter.org).

Depending on your work place, you may be eligible for Early Achievers funding. Contact [eceinfo@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:eceinfo@seattlecolleges.edu) for more information.

## Length of Program

90 credits = 11 quarters if you take 5-10 credits\* each term.

\*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.

## 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](http://northseattle.edu/programs/early-childhood-education) to learn more about this pathway, or contact the Early Childhood Education advisor at [eceinfo@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto: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.

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.