

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## Certificate, A.A.S. Degree

All courses are offered in Fairbanks and through distance delivery for students outside Fairbanks. This program prepares students for employment as early childhood teachers, K-3 teachers aides and child care providers, and improves the skills of those already in the field.

Graduates pursue opportunities with child development centers, Head Start programs, child welfare service agencies, recreation and scouting services, staff training, program licensing and entrepreneurial initiatives serving children and families. This program is guided by standards specified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The A.A.S. program in early childhood education is for students enrolling in college for the first time as well as for those who are educated in other subject areas but desire to retrain for employment in this field. Through course work, including fieldwork directly with children, students gain the knowledge and skills they need to meet State of Alaska requirements for employment as administrators or teachers in licensed centers and as aides in elementary schools. Course work also fulfills minor or concentration requirements for degrees in other disciplines. Students entering the A.A.S. degree should meet with an early childhood advisor to discuss a specific course of study. The courses for the A.A.S. degree lay the foundation for the B.A. in child development and family studies or can be combined with other disciplines to make a specific focus on young children in areas such as science, movement, leadership, business or creative arts.

Minimum Requirements for Early Childhood Education degrees:  
Certificate: 30 credits; A.A.S. Degree: 60 credits

Community and Technical College  
Early Childhood Education (<https://www.ctc.uaf.edu/programs/early-childhood-education/>)  
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## Programs Degrees

- A.A.S., Early Childhood Education (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/certificates-associate/certificate-associate-programs/early-childhood-education/aas/>)

## Certificate

- Certificate, Early Childhood Education (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/archives/2020-2021/certificates-associate/certificate-associate-programs/early-childhood-education/certificate/>)