EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Associate of Art / Associate of Science degree

Program and Career Description:

The Early Childhood Education emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to receive a two-year A.S. degree or complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. A bachelor's degree could lead to teacher certification in pre-k through 3rd grade. An associate's degree could lead to work as a teacher's assistant, or work as a pre-school teacher in day care settings. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below. See the Early Childhood Certificate for students wanting classes towards the National CDA required for day-care providers.

Career	Beginning Salary	Experienced Salary Median
Teacher (elementary)	$33,227	$47,100
Teacher Assistants	$15,340	$22,200
Teacher (pre-school)	$17,706	$25,107

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

Early Childhood Education is not approved at present with a Tennessee Transfer Pathway. It is not now covered by "*The Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010*". Therefore, it is important to consult with the four year college you plan to transfer to for that school's recommendation on courses to be taken at the community college level.

Columbia State does have an articulation agreement with Middle Tennessee State University.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at http://www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Major in General Transfer with Emphasis in Early Childhood Education (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
ENGL 1010, 1020
SPCH 1010

History Requirement
HIST 2010, 2020

Humanities/Fine Arts
ART 1030
MUS 1030
ENGL 2130 or ENGL 2330

Natural Sciences Requirement
ASTR 1030
BIOL 1030

Mathematics Requirement
MATH 1010

Social/Behavioral Sciences
GEOG 2010
POLS 1030

Major Required Courses*
ECED 1010, 2320
EDU 201, 222
MATH 1410, 1420

ECED Electives (2 credit hours)*
Recommended that students choose from ECED 2310, ECED 2340, ECED 2390

*Earn a "C" or higher in each major required course and ECED electives.

This plan will articulate to the MTSU Early Childhood Education Bachelor's degree. Students transferring to MTSU will be required to meet entrance qualifications which include an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher. Students will also be required to pass all parts of the Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests for Educators **or** have an ACT composite of 22 **or** an SAT composite of 1020.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:
• earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
• cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
• taking the Exit Exam.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

____	ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
____	ECED 1010	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	2
____	BIOL 1030	Introduction to Biology	4
____	HIST 2010	Survey of U. S. History I	3
____	MATH 1010	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	3
____	COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

____	ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
____	EDU 201	Introduction to Education	3
____	MATH 1410	Number Concepts for Elementary Education	3
____	HIST 2020	Survey of U. S. History II	3
____	ART 1030	Introduction to the Visual Arts	3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

____	SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
____	MATH 1420	Geometry for Elementary Education	3
____	ASTR 1030	Astronomy	4
____	POLS 1030	American Government	3
____	ECED 2320	Infant, Toddler, Child Development	3
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Second Year – Spring Semester

____	ENGL 2130	Survey of American Literature **or**	
	ENGL 2330	Survey of World Literature	3
____	ECED	Elective	2-3
____	MUS 1030	Music Appreciation	3
____	GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography	3
____	EDU 222	Education of Exceptional Learners	3
			14-15

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 61

If pursuing the A.A. degree, complete an additional 6 credit hours in a one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities requires demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to complete the second-year sequence in foreign language before transferring Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.