Whether you want a single course to improve your parenting or are planning on a highly satisfying career nurturing young children, the UAF Community & Technical College will provide you with practical skills and knowledge through the Early Childhood Education Program. The focus is on developing meaningful approaches for working with young children and their families.

Our goal is to prepare early childhood educators to work effectively with children and families in a variety of settings. Some courses are very beneficial for parents, too. The emphasis is on the development of the whole child, prenatal through age 8.

Due to high demand for qualified early childhood professionals, graduates usually have a variety of options for employment. Graduates can look forward to many career options including working with infant, toddler, preschool and K-3 children. Employment opportunities may include positions as before and after school child care providers, recreation leaders, parenting and staff educators, curriculum specialist, family home providers, licensing and regulatory experts, program directors, resource and referral specialist, family assistance administrators, home visitors, family advocates, and aides in elementary schools.

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COURSES INCLUDE

- Child Development
- Culture & the Young Child
- Screening & Assessment
- Child Guidance
- Nutrition & Physical Wellness
- Social Development
- Young Children with Special Needs

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The study includes positive methods for child guidance, partnerships with families, classroom activities and curriculum development as well as current issues and trends, professional ethics, supporting adaptive learning environments for children who experience health impairments and disabilities, safety, physical wellness, and other topics. Coursework is taught with appeal to hands-on learner styles, particularly helpful for students who enjoy interactive discussion and project-based activities. In association with the program, the Bunnell House Early Childhood Lab School, located on the main UAF campus, provides rich observation and practicum experiences for students. The ECE associate degree is excellent preparation for the bachelors of arts degree in child development and family studies or a BT in a related field of your choice.

OTHER DETAILS

All required courses are offered at least once a year, but the correct sequence is important. That is why it is important to see an early childhood adviser for updated information on the planned rotation of course offerings. Courses may be taken through any UAF campus and transfer credits are also accepted from other accredited universities.

Classes are offered on evenings and weekends as well as during the day. Most classes are also available on the web for students who need or prefer alternatives to scheduled class times. This option allows students to complete their studies from another location if necessary.

To work in this profession, students must be able to pass a background screening.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Review admission requirements with an advisor by calling 907-455-2842 or email uaf-ctc@alaska.edu
- Apply for admission to UAF: www.uaf.edu/admissions/
- Apply for financial aid: www.uaf.edu/finaid/ or call 907-455-2832
- Find classes & register: www.uaf.edu/coursefinder/
- Get your books & class materials organized - UAF Bookstore: www.uaf.bkstr.com
- Start your journey at UAF CTC!

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