

The Academic Plan is a semester-by-semester plan for the full-time college-ready student. Part-time students should work with an advisor to customize the map to fit individual needs.

| ACADEMIC PLAN | | NOTES |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fall 1st Year | | Semester 1 |
| | COL101 Intro to College: Strategies for Success | 1 |
| | ECE102 Intro to Early Childhood Education | 4 |
| | ECE103 Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety | 3 |
| | ECE107 School Age Child Care | 3 |
| | ECE108 Infant Toddler Care | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 14 |
| Spring 1st Year | | Semester 2 |
| | ECE201 Early Childhood Education Laboratory | 2 |
| Total Hours | | 2 |
| Fall 2nd Year | | Semester 3 |
| | ECE202 Early Childhood Education Practicum 1 | 2 |
| | ECE122 Behavior Management | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 5 |
| Spring 2nd Year | | Semester 4 |
| | ECE205 Early Childhood Education Practicum II | 2 |
| | ECE210 Curriculum Strategies for Preschool Classrooms | 3 |
| | ECE212 Family, School, and Community Relations | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 8 |

Program Description: The Child Care/ECE program provides students with the background and professional competencies necessary for employment in the field of early care and education. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for employment in a variety of settings including preschools, child care centers, school-age child care programs, residential centers, public schools (as classroom assistants), and recreation centers.

Admission Requirements: Must meet first semester course prerequisites. All participants in the program must meet all current regulations for personnel regarding health and child abuse/neglect screening mandated by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Child Care Licensing Bureau.

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Associate Dean: Dr. Terry Kite

Employment Outlook/Median Salary*:

| Career | Degree Level Required | ** Growth | Median Annual Salary |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Kindergarten and Elementary Teachers | Bachelor's Degree | 7% | \$55,490 |
| Preschool Teacher | Associate's Degree | 10% | \$28,790 |
| Teacher Assistants | Some College | 8% | \$25,410 |
| Childcare Workers | High School | 7% | \$21,170 |

*Employment information based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.

**Projected % of change in employment 2016-2026; the average for all occupations is 7%.

Jefferson College Program Highlights: Students can take courses during the day, evening, or online and use current work experience in early education classrooms for field experience credit in ECE Lab, Practicum I and Practicum II. Jefferson County high school students may gain college credit in this program beginning their junior through the Area Technical School.

Transfer Information:



Courses with this symbol are guaranteed to transfer to any public college or university in Missouri.

Pursuing a higher degree? Get the most credit for your transfer and earn your Bachelor's degree from Missouri Baptist University by attending MBU courses at the Jefferson College, Hillsboro campus!

Certificate courses apply directly to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education, which will transfer to Missouri Baptist University.