

**Program****EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

- *Associate in Applied Science (AAS)*
- *Early Childhood Certificate*
- *Early Literacy Certificate*
- *Administrative Certificate*
- *Infant and Toddler Certificate*
- *Early Childhood Education Diploma*
- *AAS Day or Evening Program: 4 semesters*
- *Admissions Cycle: Every semester*
- *Most EDU courses have EDU 119 as a prerequisite.*
- *EDU 119 is offered every semester*
- *Maximum Number Admitted Annually: Open*

**Career Description**

The Early Childhood Education Associate curriculum prepares individuals to work with children from infancy through middle childhood in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

**Careers Available**

Students entering this program will have the opportunity to specialize in areas unique to their particular interests through the certificate programs available. Certificate programs are available in literacy, early childhood, infant and toddlers, and child care administration.

**Entry-Level Salary**

\$17,000 - \$22,000/yr.

**Course of Study**

The original AAS degree in early childhood education is a 67 credit hour degree. There is a basic core 32 credit hours of required early childhood courses. In addition to the early childhood core courses, the degree includes 21-24 credit hours of general education courses depending upon individual course selections. Seven additional hours of early childhood classes are included as local requirements.

**Recommended  
Courses and Skills**

High school algebra I, computer skills and CPT testing.

**Helpful Personal  
Attributes**

Good motivation to work with children ages 0-12, good judgment and a sense of responsibility, ability to work as a member of a team, possess good oral and written and communication skills.

**Program Contact**

If you would like additional information about the Early Childhood Education Associate Program, contact Gwen Walter, Program Coordinator, at 336.734.7967 or [gwalter@forsythtech.edu](mailto:gwalter@forsythtech.edu).

**How To Get Started**

Apply online at [www.forsythtech.edu](http://www.forsythtech.edu). You may also request an application by calling 336.734.7253 or pick up an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem.