

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2009
[2009*03]

Curriculum Program Title	School-Age Education	Code	A55440
Concentration	(not applicable)		

Curriculum Description

This curriculum prepares individuals to work with children in elementary through middle grades in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with school-age children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth/development; computer technology in education; physical/nutritional needs of school-age children; care and guidance of school-age children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of school-age populations.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in school-aged environments. Employment opportunities include school-age teachers in child care programs, before/after-school programs, paraprofessional positions in public/ private schools, recreational centers, and other programs that work with school-age populations.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204(3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in a degree or diploma program up to a maximum of 8 semester hours and in a certificate program up to a maximum of 2 semester hours. *(see back of page for Major Hours requirements)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may require other subjects or courses to complete graduation requirements. These requirements may include electives, orientation, study skills courses, or other graduation requirements.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

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B CONCENTRATION <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
<p>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes: ACC, ANT, ART, ASL, AST, BIO, BUS, CHM, CIS, COE, COM, CSC, CTS, DAN, DBA, DRA, ECO, EDU, ENG, FRE, GEO, GER, HEA, HIS, HUM, MAT, MUS, PED, OST, PHI, PHS, POL, PSY, REL, SCI, SOC, SPA, and WEB</i></p> <p><i>Foreign Language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i></p>			