





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		Cr Hrs	Semester 1
	COL101 Intro to College: Strategies for Success	1	COL101 and Reading Proficiency are pre-reqs for some next semester course work
	ECE102 Intro to Early Childhood Education	4	ECE102 is a pre-req for some next semester course work
	ECE103 Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3	
	ECE107 School Age Child Care	3	
	ENG101 English Composition I	3	
	PSY101 General Psychology	3	
Total Hours		17	
Spring 1st Year			Semester 2
	ECE108 Infant Toddler Care	3	
	ECE201 Early Childhood Education Laboratory	2	ECE201 is a pre-req for some next semester course work
	Mathematics (MGT103; MTH105+)	3	
	HPE132 First Aid/CPR	3	
	ENG102 English Composition II	3	
	PSY201 Child Development	3	
Total Hours		17	
Fall 2nd Year			Semester 3
	ECE202 Early Childhood Education Practicum 1	2	ECE202 is a pre-req for some next semester course work
	ECE122 Behavior Management	3	
	ECE120 Integrating Children with Special Needs	3	
	EDU205 Educational Technology	3	EDU205 fulfills Computer Literacy graduation requirement
	Science (Biological or Physical)	3-5	
Total Hours		14-16	
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	
	ECE214 Early Childhood Education Administration	3	
	EDU245 Literature for Children	3	
	HST103 U.S. History I OR PSC102 U.S. and MO Governments and Constitutions	3	
Total Hours		17	

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.

Department Faculty Advisors: Dr. Terry Kite

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
Child Care 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! The Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education will transfer to Missouri Baptist University.

Also, a substantial number of transfer credits will be earned for those students who later decide to pursue an education degree at a senior institution.