Applied Science (Early Childhood Studies), BAS

Moment by moment, day by day and person by person, educators improve lives and strengthen communities. And wherever life takes you, an education degree prepares you to master new knowledge, communicate effectively and thrive in a world --- and an economy --- in which lifelong learning is key to success and happiness.

Program Description

The BAS degree program with a concentration in early childhood studies is intended for students working or volunteering in early childhood settings, focusing on birth through age five, who do not need initial teacher certification issued through a state department of education. The program prepares students with knowledge and skills in child development (social, emotional, cognitive and physical), setting and selecting developmentally appropriate learning goals and sequences, instructional strategies and supports, highly individualized instruction, classroom management, advocacy and leadership, and family resources and supports. As the degree program is designed for students working in a variety of early childhood settings while pursuing the program, experiential learning opportunities are integrated throughout the coursework.

This transfer-only program is for students who already hold an AAS degree in early childhood education or a closely related field. Individuals who don't meet this requirement may consider the BAE in educational studies with a concentration in early childhood education program, which has a parallel curriculum.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
• Additional Program Fee: No
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:
This program is not available to first-year students.

Transfer Admission Requirements:
Students applying to this program must have completed an AAS degree from a regionally accredited institution AND be employed in an early childhood setting (e.g., Head Start, child development center, daycare or childcare center, private or public preschools, home-based child care) in order to successfully participate and complete coursework.

Students with an Associate of Applied Science degree, which consists of courses in specialized occupational areas built upon a general education core, will receive 60 hours of credit though a block transfer to the university. The block transfer applies only to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program. Students may receive up to 15 more credit hours for additional coursework completed at the community college or university that, through transcript evaluation, is determined to match a course in the degree program major map.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student must have completed an Associate of Applied Science in early childhood education or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution to change to this major. Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/ for information about how to change a major to this program.
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**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Future educators must learn to create inclusive and inspiring learning environments and they can do this by expanding their horizons through study abroad. They can explore how schooling works in countries that are leaders in education and conduct comparative research. Students can make a difference in a community by volunteering at schools and engaging in local educational programs through service-learning opportunities.

Students may learn more at ASU’s study abroad website: https://goglobal.asu.edu/ to explore programs.

**Career Opportunities**

The Bachelor of Applied Science with a concentration in early childhood studies provides access to a degree completion program for Head Start teachers and other Head Start staff, as well as early childhood providers currently working in the field. The goal of this concentration is to increase access and capacity toward degree completion from an Associate of Applied Science to a Bachelor of Applied Science, and it focuses on increasing workforce competency and knowledge in the area of early childhood.

Career opportunities for graduates include early childhood teacher (birth to five years) in various settings, including Head Start programs, child care centers, private preschools, nonprofit centers and home-based
service providers. Other career opportunities include center-based administrators or directors; topic specialists that provide resources, training and technical assistance to teachers and programs; program managers; family specialists; and consultants.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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