

Associates of Art (A.A) in Preschool Education

Day care center workers serve a vital role in our society, as more and more parents seek child care options outside the home. These workers assume the responsibility for a large portion of the child's waking hours, and must be educated to fulfill these responsibilities in a manner that contributes positively to the child's overall growth and development. They must understand the basic principles of child development, including physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth. They must be able to manage behavior and to observe changes. And they must be able to establish positive relationships with families of the children in their care.

The AA Degree Program in Pre-School Education is designed for students who wish to enter the field of child care or pre-school teaching immediately upon graduation. Upon completion of the program, the students are qualified to teach in a day care or pre-school, or to continue with their BA Degree in Pre-School Education at JMVU. They could also transfer to a four-year program in Education or Child Development, or pursue other Liberal Arts majors at other colleges.

Program Objectives

1. To provide teaching professionals with both the conceptual and operational tools from the fields of psychology, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, and education that will enable them to provide an integrated program to boys and girls from 0 to 5 years old;
2. To prepare teaching professionals who are agents in a society that is free, just, participatory and democratic, with ethical and moral values that contribute to the elevation of the quality of the teaching profession.
3. To prepare teaching professionals to develop pedagogical proposals and formulate community projects for the benefit of pre-school boys and girls, taking into account their needs and interests and those of their families, in programs of a formal nature and in non-traditional settings.
4. To provide a logical career step and educational progression that will allow students to attain mastery of the skills and knowledge required for success as a professional pre-school educator.

Graduation Requirements

I. General Education Requirements (Lower Level Courses) (Semesters I & II)

- Successful completion of the University orientation program on first semester enrolled.

Area of Communications: (requirement of all 4 courses for 12 CR)

- ENC 1000 Oral & Written Communications (English I) 3 Credits
- ENC 1101 Composition I (English II) 3 Credits
- ENC 1102 Composition II (English III) 3 Credits
- SPC 1053 Oral Expression (English IV) 3 Credits

Area of Mathematics: (requirement of both courses for 6 CR)

- MAC 1105 College Mathematics I – Algebra and Geometry 3 Credits
- MAC 1114 College Mathematics II – Geometry and Trigonometry 3 Credits

Area of Natural Sciences: (requirement of PCB 3703 + 1 elective course for 6 CR)

- PCB 3703 Human Physiology 3 Credits

Elective: (choose one of the following for 3 CR)

- BSC 1005 Biology 3 Credits
- CHM 1025 General Chemistry 3 Credits
- PHY 248 General Physics 3 Credits
- MCB 2240 Etiology of Diseases 3 Credits

Area of Humanities and Art:(requirement of one of the following for 3 CR)

- ARH 2000 Art Appreciation 3 Credits
- ARH 2010 Art History 3 Credits
- PHI 2030 Contemporary Philosophical Issues 3 Credits
- PHI 2103 Critical Thinking 3 Credits
- PHI 2600 Ethics 3 Credits

- PSY 2012 General Psychology 3 Credits

II. Professional Education Requirements (Upper Level Courses)

Semester III: (Requirement of 15 CR) Required:

- EDF 1005 Introduction to Education 3 Credits
- EEC 1000 Child Growth and Development 3 Credits
- EEC 1202 The Preschool Child Care Curriculum 3 Credits
- EEC 2940 Preschool Internship I 2 Credits
- EEC 2270 Teaching Preschool Children with Special Needs 3 Credits
- HSC 2400 First Aid and CPR 1 Credit

Semester IV (Requirement of 15 CR) Required:

- EEC 2001 Introduction to Preschool Education 3 Credits
- EEC 1601 Observing, Recording and Guiding Children's Behavior 3 Credits
- EEC 1520 Professional Child Care Management 3 Credits
- EEC 2300 Pre-School Instructional Methods and Materials 3 Credits
- EEC 2941 Preschool Internship II (AA Students) 2 Credits
- CHD 1330 Children's Literacy and Language Arts 1 Credit
- Successful completion of the university career services requirements.