

A.A.T. Degree
**Early Childhood Education/
 Early Childhood Special Education**

The Associate of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education degree is designed for those students preparing to transfer to a four-year institution in **Maryland** to obtain a baccalaureate degree and earn **state teacher certification in early childhood education**. The program has been articulated with all of the transfer programs in elementary education in the state of Maryland and makes degree holders eligible to transfer to the four-year institution with full junior status. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a total of 45 hours of field experience in a variety of educational settings. Degree students must complete all course work with a grade of "C" or better, obtain a minimum 2.75 GPA, earn a passing score on a basic skills test of high school level reading, writing, and math (PRAXIS I, SAT, ACT, or GRE).

General Education Requirements 29-30 Credits

Arts/Humanities		
HUM 201	The Arts: A Creative Synthesis	3
Behavioral/Social Sciences		
HIS 201	American History I	3
OR		
HIS 202	American History II	(3)
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Biological/Physical Science		
BIO 106	Unity and Diversity of Living Things.....	4
PHS 104	General Physical Science	4
English		
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 102	Composition and Literature.....	3
Information Technology		
IST 102	Introduction to Information Technology	3
Mathematics		
MAT 101	College Algebra.....	3
OR		
MAT 118	Mathematic Modeling Using Algebra	(4)
Program Requirements 37 credits		
EDU 103	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 114	The Developing Child	3
EDU 115	Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education.....	3
* EDU 211	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDU 212	Processes and Acquisition of Reading	3
ENG 104	Children's Literature	3
GEO 102	Human Geography	3
MAT 107	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I.....	3
MAT 108	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II.....	3
MAT 109	Introduction to Statistics	3
PHS 111	Earth and Space Science.....	4
PSY 203	Educational Psychology	3

Degree Requirement.....66-67

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester		Semester Hours
BIO 106	Unity and Diversity of Living Things.....	4
EDU 103	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ENG 101	English Composition	3
MAT 101	College Algebra.....	3
OR		
MAT 118	Mathematic Modeling Using Algebra	(4)
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Semester Total		16-17
Second Semester		Semester Hours
EDU 114	The Developing Child	3
ENG 102	Composition and Literature.....	3
MAT 109	Introduction to Statistics	3
PHS 104	General Physical Science	4
PSY 203	Educational Psychology	3
Semester Total		16
Third Semester		Semester Hours
EDU 115	Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education.....	3
EDU 212	Processes and Acquisition of Reading	3
HIS 201	American History I	3
OR		
HIS 202	American History II	(3)
HUM 201	The Arts: A Creative Synthesis	3
IST 102	Introduction to Information Technology	3
MAT 107	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics I	3
Semester Total		18
Fourth Semester		Semester Hours
* EDU 211	Introduction to Special Education	3
ENG 104	Children's Literature	3
GEO 102	Human Geography	3
MAT 108	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics II.....	3
PHS 111	Earth and Space Science.....	4
Semester Total		16

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Students who have been convicted of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, or crimes of violence are precluded from employment in the field of teaching. Please discuss concerns with your advisor.

** The Introduction to Special Education course required by Hagerstown Community College is a necessary requirement of the College's A.A.T. Degree in Early Childhood Education, but is not sufficient to meet all special education or inclusion course requirements for four-year teacher education programs. Students may be required to take additional special education or inclusion courses as a part of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree and teacher education certification at four-year institutions.*