EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (PRE K-3)
Associate of Science in Teaching degree (A.S.T.)

Program and Career Description:

The Associate of Science in Teaching Degree in Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) is an education specialty designed to prepare individuals to work with children from Pre-K through 3rd grade. Early Childhood Education is a two-year program designed for students planning to continue their studies toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university.

• An associate's degree could lead to work as a teacher's assistant, Head Start teacher or work as a pre-school teacher in a day care setting.

• A bachelor's degree could lead to a teacher certification in Pre-K through 3rd grade where you would be able to teach in a public or private school.

Career	Beginning Average Salary	Median Average Salary
Teacher Elementary	$35,227	$47,100
Teacher Assistant	$15,340	$22,200
Teacher (Pre-School)	$17,706	$25,107

Career and salary information taken from *www.bls.gov*. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at *www.tntransferpathway.org*.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at *www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information*.

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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with the option in Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) (A.S.T.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
ENGL 1010, 1020
SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

History Requirement (Take 2 courses - HIST 2010 and 2020 are recommended)
HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, 2030

Literature Requirement (Take one course)
ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 2 courses)
Take either: ART 1030 or MUS 1030
and one from the following (do not duplicate courses):
ART 1030
ARTH 2010, 2020
ENGL 2015, 2130, 2230, 2330, 2920, 2440
HUM 1130, 1131
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033
THEA 1030

Natural Sciences Requirement
BIOL 1030
PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)*
MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)
GEOG 2010
POLS 1030

Major Required Courses
COLS 101
EDU 201, 221, 222
ECED 1010, 2320, 2340
MATH 1410

*Students transferring to APSU, ETSU, University of Memphis, UT Chattanooga and UT Knoxville should take MATH 1530.

Criminal background checks are required of all enrolled education students prior to participating in course required classroom field experiences at affiliate public and private schools. Based on the results of the criminal background check, an affiliate school may determine not to allow a student's presence at their school. This could result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of a specific course and the AST program. More information is available from education lead faculty.

Each student enrolled in education courses must show proof of individual liability insurance prior to the onset of the required classroom field experience. More information is available from the education lead faculty.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

____	ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
____	ECED 1010	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
____	BIOL 1030	Introduction to Biology	4
____	History Requirement		3
____	Mathematics Requirement		3
____	COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

____	ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
____	EDU 201	Introduction to Education	3
____	MATH 1410	Number Concepts for Elementary Education	3
____	History Requirement		3
____	Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement		3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

____	SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication **or**	
	SPCH 1030	Argumentation and Debate	3
____	EDU 221	Educational Psychology	3
____	PSCI 1030	Physical Science	4
____	POLS 1030	American Government	3
____	ECED 2320	Infant, Toddler & Child Development	3
Take Praxis Core Tests*			
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Second Year – Spring Semester

____	Literature Requirement		3
____	ECED 2340	Family Dynamics & Community Involvement	3
____	Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement		3
____	GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography	3
____	EDU 222	Education of Exceptional Learners	3
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 63

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earning a 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- pass all parts of the Praxis Core Academic Skills Tests for Educators (Reading 156, Writing 162, and Math 150 **or** have an ACT composite of 22 **or** SAT composite of 1020).
- having four Disposition of Suitability forms completed on you.
- taking the Columbia State Exit Exam.
* It is recommended that students complete ENGL 1010, MATH 1410, MATH 1420 (not required but highly recommended) , and EDU 221 before taking Praxis Core Tests.

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