

**ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**  
**Study Track: EARLY CHILDHOOD AT NCCU**

*The faculties at NCCU and Durham Tech recommend the following list of courses for students who are considering a career in early childhood education (birth through kindergarten). It is to be used as a blueprint for guiding students interested in majoring in Early Childhood Education at NCCU in their course selections. Students who successfully complete this course of study and who meet the requirements for admission to the university may be eligible to apply for admission to the major with junior standing. This agreement is meant as a guide and the student should not assume that it addresses unique requirements set by his or her university of choice. It is the student's responsibility to become aware of individual requirements of the senior institution and to make course substitutions as warranted, within the requirements of the AA Plan-of-Study.*

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**General Education Core (44 SHC):** 44 semester hours of credit (SHC) in general education core courses are required as outlined by the North Carolina Community College Curriculum Standards for Associate in Arts degree programs. Students who complete the General Education Core requirements exclusively at public colleges and universities in North Carolina or at private colleges that have signed on to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement will be able to transfer the set of courses as a package. The General Education Core includes study in the areas of English composition, humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics.

**English Composition (6 SHC):**

- ENG 111 (3 SHC)—Expository Writing
- ENG 113 (3 SHC)—Literature-Based Research

**Humanities and Fine Arts (12 SHC):**

- One English literature course (3 SHC) selected from—ENG 251, 252, 261, 262
- \*FL 111 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language I (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab – see Other Required Hours below*)
- \*FL 112 (3 SHC)—Elementary Foreign Language II (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
- One course (3 SHC) selected from—ART 111; HUM 110, 120; MUS 110; PHI 240

*\*Foreign languages offered at Durham Tech include French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Students graduating from NCCU are required to complete Intermediate Foreign Language I.*

**Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC):**

- One history course (3 SHC) selected from—HIS 111, 112, 121, 122
- GEO 111 (3 SHC)—World Regional Geography
- PSY 150 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Psychology
- One course (3 SHC) selected from the following list or from any course listed above under Social and Behavioral Sciences—ANT 210, 220; ECO 251, 252; GEO112; POL 120, 220; PSY 237, 241, 281; SOC 210, 213, 220\*, 225

*\*Required by the Early Childhood Associate Degree at Durham Tech*

**Natural Science (8 SHC):**

- Two courses (8 SHC) selected from—BIO 111, 112, 120, 130; CHM 131/131A; GEL 111

**Mathematics (6 SHC):**

- MAT 140 (3 SHC)—Survey of Mathematics (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
  - MAT 161 (3 SHC)—College Algebra (*Must be taken with the accompanying lab—see Other Required Hours below*)
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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT NCCU, Continued

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**ELECTIVES:** To complete the Associate in Arts degree, a student must complete a total of 64 hours. Sixty-four credit hours are guaranteed to transfer. Transfer of credit hours beyond the 64<sup>th</sup> is not guaranteed. Electives transfer as a package if the student completes the AA degree. If the degree is not completed, then elective courses transfer on a course-by-course basis, and it is the student's responsibility to address individual program requirements at the university. We recommend that the additional 20 hours beyond the General Education Core be distributed as follows:

**Elective Hours Required for Graduation (9-12 SHC):**

- ACA 122 (1 SHC)—College Transfer Success
- Demonstration of computer competency by completion of CIS 110 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Computers *or* CIS 115—Introduction to Programming and Logic *or* satisfactory score on computer competency test
- FL 181 (1 SHC)—Lab for Foreign Language I
- FL 182 (1 SHC)—Lab for Foreign Language II
- MAT 140A (1 SHC)—Lab for Survey of Mathematics
- MAT 161A (1 SHC)—Lab for College Algebra
- One physical education course (1 SHC) selected from—PED 111, 113, 114, 120, 121, 128, 130, 139, 142, 143, 145, 148, 162, 172, 183, 186
- CAPSTONE COURSE (Required for Graduation): HUM 212 (3 SHC)—Humanities II *or* BIO 140 (3 SHC)—Environmental Biology

**Other Elective Hours (8-11 SHC)—Eight to eleven semester hours of credit selected from:**

- ART 114 (3 SHC)—Art History Survey I
- ART 115 (3 SHC)—Art History Survey II
- COM 231 (3 SHC)—Public Speaking
- HEA 110 (3 SHC)—Personal Health and Wellness
- FL 211 (3 SHC)—Intermediate Foreign Language I
- HUM 160 (3 SHC)—Introduction to Film

*The following courses are offered at Durham Tech under the Early Childhood Associate Plan-of-Study. They are required by and will transfer to NCCU, but cannot be used to fulfill the requirements for the Associate in Arts degree.*

- EDU 153 (3 SHC)—Health Safety and Nutrition
- EDU 221 (3 SHC)—Children with Special Needs
- EDU 234 (3 SHC)—Infants, Toddlers, and Twos

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Admission to teacher licensure programs requires satisfactory scores on PRAXIS I and II.

Universities allow, at most, 64 hours of credit to transfer. However, there are situations where more than 64 hours can be completed at the community college. Please consult with an advisor to find out what those situations are.

Durham Technical Community College awards the Transfer Core Diploma. The Transfer Core Diploma confirms that students have completed all their General Education Core requirements under an A.A. or A.S. degree program. Core completion certifies that a student has met all the lower-division General Education Requirements of the receiving senior institution and has met the Minimum Course Requirements (MCRs) for admission to the University of North Carolina System. Students need to apply for the Diploma once they have completed the Core of their respective Plan of Study. Forms are available in Admissions in the Wynn Center.