

## SouthArk Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

# 2024-2025 ACADEMIC MAP: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – AAS

Student Name		Student ID		Student Phone #	
Advisor Name		Advisor E-mail		Advisor Phone #	
Expected Award upon Program Completion	<input type="checkbox"/> CP <input type="checkbox"/> TC <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AAS			Sem/Yr Expected to Graduate:	

**STUDENT'S REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS (Write in needed courses based on test scores or transfer work):**

COURSE NEEDED	SEMESTER	GRADE	COURSE NEEDED	SEMESTER	GRADE

**CHOOSE COURSE PLAN WITH ADVISOR TO ASSURE PROPER ACADEMIC PROGRESSION**

**FIRST SEMESTER/YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
SASC 1101	Campus Technology	O			0	✓ Graduate with a CP in Early Childhood Education.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Work to complete Campus Technology before class begins or within the first two weeks.</li> <li>✓ Meet with Advisor to Apply for the CP in Early Childhood Education.</li> </ul>
EDUC 2033 EDUC 2053	Child Growth & Development <b>OR</b> Development & Learning	CP			3		
ECED 1003	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	CP/MM			3		
ECED 1023	Environments for Young Children	CP/MM			3		
ECED 1033	Practicum I	CP			3		
ECED 1043	ECE Ethics & Professionalism	CP/MM			3		
<b>Total</b>					<b>15</b>		

*\* The Certificate of Proficiency in Early Childhood Education, birth through prekindergarten, provides foundational courses in theory and practice for persons desiring to work with young children, birth through pre-kindergarten. These courses may be used as the required 120 hours of professional training for the CDA credential.*

**SECOND SEMESTER/YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
ENGL 1113 <b>OR</b> ENGL 1043	Composition I <b>OR</b> Technical English for Industry	TC			3	✓ Graduate with a TC in Early Childhood Education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with program director or faculty to discuss job placement.</li> <li>✓ Meet with Advisor to Apply for the TC in Early Childhood Education.</li> <li>✓ Apply for scholarships for the next academic year before March 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>✓ Look to get involved on campus</li> <li>✓ Update your advisor on the status of your exploratory course.</li> </ul>
MATH 1023 <b>OR</b> MATH 1073 <b>OR</b> MATH 1113	College Algebra <b>OR</b> Technical Mathematics <b>OR</b> Mathematical Reasoning	TC			3		
ECED 2503	Child Guidance	TC/MM			3		
ECED 2703	Preschool Curriculum	TC/MM			3		
ECED 2803	Infant & Toddler Curriculum	TC/MM			3		
CSCI 1003 <b>OR</b> EDUC 2313	Introduction to Computers <b>OR</b> Intro to Education Technology	TC			3		
<b>Total</b>					<b>18</b>		

**THIRD SEMESTER/YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
ECED 2303	Literacy & Language Arts for Early Childhood				3		
ECED 2403	Math and Science for Early Childhood				3		
ECED 2903	Future Perspectives				3		
EDUC 2023	Survey of Exceptional Children				3		
PSYC 2003 <b>OR</b> SOC 2003 <b>OR</b> GEOG 2003 <b>OR</b> Social Science Choice**	General Psychology <b>OR</b> Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> Introduction to Geography <b>OR</b> Social Science Choice**				3		
SPCH 1113	Principles of Speech				3		
<b>Total</b>					<b>18</b>		

Key:

F - Only offered in Fall semester	O – Only offered Online	T - Transfer	CP – Certificate of Proficiency	AA – Associate of Arts Degree
S – Only offered in Spring semester	P – Prerequisite to Program	E - Elective	TC – Technical Certificate	AS – Associate of Science Degree
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**FOURTH SEMESTER/YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*Choose at least 5 courses below, for the 4th semester.*

Course Number	Course Name	Code (see key)	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credit Hours	Milestones	Actions
ECED 2053	Administration of Preschool Programs				3	✓ Graduate with AAS in Early Childhood Education degree ✓ Apply for 4-year college transfer	✓ Meet with Advisor to apply for Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education. ✓ Attend Graduation Fair
ECED 2063	Administration for Early Childhood Education Programs II				3		
ECED 2743	Music & Creative Arts				3		
ECED 2833	Caring for Exceptional Children				3		
ECED 2843	Teaching & Learning for the Exceptional Young Child				3		
ECED 2863	Infant Toddler Development & Learning				3		
ECED 2873	Infant Toddler Caregiving Field Experience				3		
ECED 2883	School-Age Environments, Care, & Activities				3		
ECED 2893	School-Age Development, Learning Guidance				3		
<b>Total</b>					<b>15-21</b>		

Depending on the courses taken in the 4th semester, the student can earn the following certificates while completing the AAS: Infants and Toddlers; School-Age and After School Care; Administration; Early Childhood Special Needs; or Early Childhood Education Curriculum

*\*\*Social Science Choice Options: PSYC 2003 General Psychology, SOCI 2003 Introduction to Sociology, GEOG 2003 Introduction to Geography, ECON 2003 Macroeconomics Principles, PSCI 2003 American Government: National, HIST2013/2023 History of the US I or II*

**COMMENTS AND NOTES:**

Must have a C or better on all ECE/Education courses.  
 Child Growth and Development/Development & Learning must have been taken no earlier than Fall 2009. Earlier course dates require the course to be taken again and/or will not transfer.

<b>Program Description</b>	The growing field of early childhood education needs additional well-trained professionals to educate and care for children and to support their families in a multitude of settings. The objective of this program is to provide a career ladder for students, beginning with the Certificate of Proficiency, a fifteen-credit-hour course of study designed to provide core training in early childhood education and prepare individuals for the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA); progressing to a 30-credit-hour Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Education for students who wish a more in-depth program of study; and culminating in the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education for students who need a thorough background in the field with the status of a two-year degree for credentialing purposes. Students must make a "C" or better in all ECED/EDUC classes and maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to remain in the program.  ECED courses have been developed to include core competencies for the Birth through Prekindergarten Teaching Credential as mandated by AR law 187 passed in March, 2009. The competencies were developed by a statewide early childhood cohort and approved by the Division of Early Care and Education of the Department of Human Services. This cohort consisted of Early Childhood representatives from other two-year and four-year colleges in the state. A NOCTI exam is required for this credential.
<b>Program Requirements</b>	66+ credit hours
<b>Career Opportunities</b>	Early childhood education professionals may be employed in public and private centers, special needs centers, and Head Start and ABC programs. Under a director's supervision, the childcare worker provides infants primary care giving while relating to families in a supportive manner. For toddlers and older children, the childcare worker plans and provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum to support independent and group learning. Activities are designed to foster children's self-esteem, expand their social and problem-solving skills, and engage them in inquisitive thinking while offering security and comfort.
<b>Transfer Paths and Requirements</b>	Minimum 2.0 GPA. This is not a transfer degree. 4-year programs may choose to accept specific courses for transfer.

**REMEDATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Current course placement requirements and applicable remediation can be found in the college catalog.

**I understand that when seeking a credential, I may be required to enroll in remediation / co-requisite lab courses as a result of my test scores in compliance with Arkansas Law, Act 1052, which may take additional semesters for successful completion.**

**SIGNATURES:**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrar:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

<b>SouthArk Credit Hours</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.0 (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Transfer Credit Hours</b>		<b>CUMULATIVE GPA</b>	Any 50% or the last 25% of Total Credit Hours? (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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