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**Subject:** Proposal to revise the AA degree in Early Childhood Development and Education  
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Sarah:

The proposal from the Department of Human Sciences to revise the Early Childhood Development and Education major leading to the Associate of Arts was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 25, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next [Annual Activities Report](#) to the University Senate (July 2026).

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

I wish you success with this important program development.

Randy



**W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.**

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Memo

February 5, 2026

To: W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost – Council on Academic Affairs

From: Pete Locascio, Executive Director of Undergraduate Education, EHE

RE: PROGRAM REVISION: **AA Degree in Early Childhood Development and Education**,  
Department of = O . Please find materials included in this proposal related  
to a small-scale revision.

The department proposes:

- Updating the AA curriculum to better align with the  
GE-N requirements

These changes account for roughly 5-10% of change to the curriculum. This was approved by  
the EHE Curriculum Committee on January 22, 2026.

If there are any questions, please contact me at [Locascio.7@osu.edu](mailto:Locascio.7@osu.edu)



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February 5, 2026

Dr. W. Randy Smith, PhD
Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Office of Academic Affairs
The Ohio State University

Dear Vice Provost Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the College and Education and Human Ecology (EHE). The college supports the revision of the Early Childhood Development and Education, AA Degree. Specifically, we support the revision of the ECDE-AA degree to update GEN university requirements specific to the AA degree as well as updates to two existing courses within the core major curriculum. We have obtained approval from the Human Development and Family Sciences faculty, the Department of Human Science Undergraduate Studies Committee, and the EHE Curriculum Committee. The new program includes:

Table with 3 columns: Current, Proposed, Effective Term. Rows include 'Update GEN Categories' and 'Core Requirements'.

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The ECDE-AA program has not been updated since 2016; the changes we are requesting ensure alignment with current AA GEN requirements and recent updates within our curriculum.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Noelle W. Arnold

Noelle W. Arnold, PhD
Senior Associate Dean and Professor

January 14, 2026  
Pete Locascio  
Executive Director of Undergraduate Education  
EHE Office of Undergraduate Education

Dear Pete:

I am writing to express my support for the following program change request, effective Summer 2026:

1. **Early Childhood Development and Education, AA Degree**

Proposal: Revise ECDE-AA degree to update GEN university requirements specific to the AA degree as well as updates to two existing courses within the core major curriculum

Attached you will find the necessary documentation outlining proposal details. Review of and approval from the Human Development and Family Sciences faculty and the Department of Human Science Undergraduate Studies Committee has been obtained. There are no negative budgetary implications and no additional funds or human resources necessary for the execution of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



**Sue Sutherland, PhD**

*Pronouns: she/her/hers*

Professor, Associate Department Chair

College of Education and Human Ecology



Dr. Sue Sutherland  
Department of Human Sciences, EHE  
January 2026

Dear Sue,

The HDFS Undergraduate Studies committee recommended the following revisions to the Early Childhood Development and Education associate’s degree. These revisions incorporate the approved General Education (GEN) requirements as they apply to the AA degree at OSU, along with minimal updates to the core curriculum. The ECDE-AA program has not been updated since 2016; the changes we are requesting ensure alignment with current AA GEN requirements and recent updates within our curriculum.

Current	Proposed	Effective Term
<b>Update GEN Categories</b>	<p><b>Update</b> Writing and Related Skills to Writing and Information Literacy</p> <p>Quantitative and Logical Skills to Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning or Data Analysis</p> <p>Humanities to Literary, Visual and Performing Arts and Historical and Cultural Studies</p> <p>Electives to General Education Electives to reach 33 hours</p> <p><b>Add</b> Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity</p>	<b>Summer 2026</b>
<b>Core Requirements</b>	<p><b>Replace</b> ESSPED 2560 Introduction to Young Children with Exceptionalities with ESSPED 2251 Inclusive Citizenship: Understanding and Embracing Neurodiversity and Exceptionalities</p> <p><b>Update</b> EDUTL 2820 to TLCTE 2820</p>	

Sincerely,

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**Early Childhood  
Development and Education**  
Associate of Arts Degree



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY



Effective for students admitted to the College of Education and Human Ecology beginning **Summer 2016**

University Requirements (33 Hours)	HOURS
<b>Writing and Related Skills</b>	<b>6</b>
English 1110.01 or 1110.02 or 1110.03	3
Second level writing course – recommended HDFS 2367	3
<b>Quantitative and Logical Skills</b>	<b>3-5</b>
Math 1116 or equivalent	3-5
<b>Natural Science</b>	<b>7</b>
Human Nutrition 2410	4
Physical Science choice – recommended Chem 1100	3
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>6</b>
Literature or Visual/Performing Art choice	3
History Choice	3
<b>Social Science</b>	<b>9</b>
PSYCH 1100 or SOCIOL 1101	3
HDFS 2350	3
Choice	3
<b>Electives</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>Core Requirements (28 hours)</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
ESEPSY 2309 Psychological Perspectives on Education	3
ESSPED 2650 Introduction to Young Children with Exceptionalities	3
HDFS 2200 Family Development (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	3
HDFS 2410 Child Development (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	3
HDFS 3300 Promoting Early Language and Literacy Development in ECDE	3
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Core Requirements (Continued from Page 1)	HOURS
HDFS 3310 Developing Age-Appropriate Curriculum for ECDE	3
EDUTL 2820 Creativity and the Creative Arts in ECDE	3
HDFS 3189.01 Field Work with Targeted Populations: Children (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	1
HDFS 3450 Positive Guidance of Young Children in Group Contexts (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	3
HDFS 3800 Professional Development (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	1
KNSFHP 1103 Introduction to Health and Wellness in American Society (Virtual Lab School Equivalent)	2
<b>Overall Hours: 61 hours</b>  Note: Student's exact curriculum may vary depending upon program of study determined by student and advisor.	
<b>Program Code:</b>	

Last revised: 2/26/24

# Early Childhood Development and Education

## Associate of Arts Degree



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University Requirements (33 Hours)	HOURS
<b>General Education Requirements</b>	<b>22-24</b>
<b>Writing and Information Literacy <del>Related Skills</del></b>	<b>6 3</b>
English 1110.01 or 1110.02 or 1110.03	3
Second level writing course – recommended HDFS 2367	3
<b>Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (or Data Analysis) and Logical Skills</b>	<b>3-5</b>
Math 1116 or equivalent	3-5
<b>Natural Science (must include lab)</b>	<b>7 4</b>
Human Nutrition 2410	4
Physical Science choice – recommended Chem 1100	3
<b>Humanities Literary and Visual Performing Arts</b>	<b>6 3</b>
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History Choice	3
<b>Social Science</b>	<b>9 3</b>
PSYCH 1100 or SOCIOL 1101	3
HDFS 2350	3
Choice	3
<b>Electives Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity</b>	<b>0-1 3</b>
<b>General Education Electives (Choose from the following GE Options to reach 33 hours):</b>	
Natural Science – up to one additional course (3-5 hours)	
Social Science – up to one additional course (3 hours) (HDFS 2350 recommended)	
Embedded Literacy Writing Course (3 hours) (HDFS 2367 recommended)	
Embedded Literacy Data Analysis Course (3 hours)	<b>9-11</b>
Foreign Language – up to 12 hours	
Theme Coursework – up to 12 hours	
<b>Core Requirements (28 hours)</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
ESEPSY 2309 Psychological Perspectives on Education	3
ESSPED 2650 Introduction to Young Children with Exceptionalities	3
ESSSPED 2251 Inclusive Citizenship: Understanding and Embracing Neurodiversity and Exceptionality	

Core Requirements (Continued from Page 1)	HOURS
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<b>Natural Science (must include lab)</b> Human Nutrition 2410	4
<b>Literary, Visual and Performing Arts</b>	3
<b>Historical and Cultural Studies</b>	3
<b>Social Science</b> PSYCH 1100	3
<b>Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity</b>	3
<b>General Education Electives (Choose from the following GE Options to reach 33 hours):</b> Natural Science – up to one additional course (3-4 hours) Social Science – up to one additional course (3 hours), HDFS 2350 recommended Embedded Literacy Writing Course (3 hours), HDFS 2367 recommended Embedded Literacy Data Analysis Course (3 hours) Foreign Language – up to 12 hours Theme Coursework – up to 12 hours	<b>9-11</b>
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Hi Pete and Katie,

This proposal can advance to CAA. It has been administratively approved by Andrew Martin, Ila Nagar (Chair of ASCC), and me. It will be shared as an informational item at ASCC this upcoming Friday.

Thanks for running it by us.

All the best,  
Bernadette



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**Subject:** AA Degree in Early Childhood Development and Education

Hi all,

EHE recently approved curricular changes to the AA degree in Early Childhood Development and Education. Because the program is technically owned by ASC, I'm not sure where the proposal should go from here.

Please let me know if I can provide anything else from my end.

Thanks!

**Pete Locascio**

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