This Associate in Arts degree program is designed for students who expect to transfer and earn a degree to teach pre-kindergarten through third grade.

For additional program information, visit the FSU website, program description, and academic map.

Possible employment areas for this major include pre-school teacher, kindergarten teacher, day care director, elementary school teacher, nursery school teacher, research and development demonstration teacher, private tutor, sales representative, recreation supervisor, YMCA director.

For more information please visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook website.

Entrance Requirements

This is a limited access program.

Students are admitted into this major for the Fall Term only. Applicants to Early Childhood Education are selected on the basis of four criteria: GPA, SAT/ACT scores, relevant experience, and professional promise. To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following by March 1st: 1) a program application form, 2) transcripts of previous coursework and documentation of test scores and a minimum 2.5 GPA must be attached to application, 3) three reference forms, 4) a typed essay: your response to Teaching in a Changing World, 1 ½ pages, 5) a checklist of program requirements. In addition, students must be certified to upper division with all Liberal Studies finished or an AA Degree, and be admitted into Teacher Education. The FTCE General Knowledge Exam must be passed by the end of the third semester of college work. Careful planning is necessary for timely completion of degree and certification requirements. FSU will deny admission to any student who has not satisfied the state foreign language admissions requirement. Applicants must be fingerprinted and pass a security clearance prior to admission into the program.

While academic advisors, faculty and staff provide significant academic planning and related assistance to students, completion of all degree requirements, and the process of monitoring progress to that end, is ultimately the responsibility of the student.