**Early Childhood Education Career Entry Track (A55220CE)**

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| **ACA-111** | **College Student Success** | **ACA-111** |

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| This course introduces the college's physical, academic, and social environment and promotes the personal development essential for success. Topics include campus facilities and resources; policies, procedures, and programs; study skills; and life management issues such as health, self-esteem, motivation, goal-setting, diversity, and communication. Upon completion, students should be able to function effectively within the college environment to meet their educational objectives. |

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| **ACA-122** | **College Transfer Success** | **ACA-122** |

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| This course provides information and strategies necessary to develop clear academic and professional goals beyond the community college experience. Topics include the CAA, college policies and culture, career exploration, gathering information on senior institutions, strategic planning, critical thinking, and communications skills for a successful academic transition. Upon completion, students should be able to develop an academic plan to transition successfully to senior institutions. |

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| Competencies |
| 1. Develop a strategic plan for completing community college academic goals, including certificates, diplomas, and/or associate degrees. 2. Develop a strategic plan for transferring to a university and preparing for a new career. 3. Identify the rights and responsibilities of transfer students under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA), including Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) designated courses, the Transfer Assured Admissions Policy (TAAP), the CAA appeals process, and university tuition surcharge. 4. Evaluate learning strategies, including note-taking, test-taking, information processing, time management, and memorization techniques, and identify strategies for improvement. 5. Identify essential college resources, including financial aid, advising, registration, tutoring, library services, computer labs, and counseling services and recognize the importance of these resources on student success. 6. Identify essential college policies and procedures, including academic integrity such as avoiding plagiarism; calculating a GPA, and maintaining satisfactory academic progress for financial aid eligibility and/or good academic standing. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. | | |
| **CIS-110** | | **Introduction to Computers** | **CIS-110** |

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| This course introduces computer concepts, including fundamental functions and operations of the computer. Topics include identification of hardware components, basic computer operations, security issues, and use of software applications. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the role and function of computers and use the computer to solve problems. |

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| 1. Identify the basic elements required in a computer system. 2. Produce electronic documents using various software applications. 3. Illustrate the role of the computer for personal and professional uses. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Mathematics (Quantitative). This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in Mathematics (Quantitative). | | |
| **EDU-119** | | **Intro to Early Child Educ** | **EDU-119** |

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| This course introduces the foundations of early childhood education, the diverse educational settings for young children, professionalism and planning intentional developmentally appropriate experiences for each child. Topics include theoretical foundations, national early learning standards, NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development, state regulations, program types, career options, professionalism, ethical conduct, quality inclusive environments, and curriculum responsive to the needs of each child/family. Upon completion, students should be able to design a career/professional development plan, appropriate environments, schedules, and activity plans. |

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| **EDU-131** | **Child, Family, and Community** | **EDU-131** |

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| This course covers the development of partnerships among culturally, linguistically and ability diverse families, children, schools and communities through the use of evidence-based strategies. Emphasis is placed on developing skills and identifying benefits for establishing and supporting respectful relationships between diverse families, programs/schools, and community agencies/resources reflective of the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators. Upon completion, students should be able to identify appropriate relationship building strategies between diverse families, children birth through adolescence, schools, and communities and demonstrate a variety of communication skills including appropriate use of technology to support every child. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. | | |
| **EDU-144** | | **Child Development I** | **EDU-144** |

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| This course includes the theories of child development, observation and assessment, milestones, and factors that influence development, from conception through approximately 36 months. Emphasis is placed on knowledge, observation and assessment of developmental sequences in approaches to play/learning, emotional/social, health/physical, language/communication and cognitive domains. Upon completion, students should be able to compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics, explain biological and environmental factors that impact development, and identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. |

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| **ENG-111** | | **Writing and Inquiry** | **ENG-111** |

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| This course is designed to develop the ability to produce clear writing in a variety of genres and formats using a recursive process. Emphasis includes inquiry, analysis, effective use of rhetorical strategies, thesis development, audience awareness, and revision. Upon completion, students should be able to produce unified, coherent, well-developed essays using standard written English. |

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| Competencies |
| Student Learning Outcomes 1. Demonstrate writing as a recursive process. 2. Demonstrate writing and inquiry in context using different rhetorical strategies to reflect, analyze, explain, and persuade in a variety of genres and formats. 3. Students will reflect upon and explain their writing strategies. 4. Demonstrate the critical use and examination of printed, digital, and visual materials. 5. Locate, evaluate, and incorporate relevant sources with proper documentation. 6. Compose texts incorporating rhetorically effective and conventional use of language. 7. Collaborate actively in a writing community. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in English Composition. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in English Composition. | | |
| **EDU-145** | | **Child Development II** | **EDU-145** |

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| This course includes the theories of child development, observation and assessment, milestones, and factors that influence development, from preschool through middle childhood. Emphasis is placed on knowledge, observation and assessment of developmental sequences in approaches to play/learning, emotional/social, health/physical, language/communication and cognitive domains. Upon completion, students should be able to compare/contrast typical/atypical developmental characteristics, explain biological and environmental factors that impact development, and identify evidence-based strategies for enhancing development for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. | | |
| **EDU-146** | | **Child Guidance** | **EDU-146** |

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| This course introduces evidence-based strategies to build nurturing relationships with each child by applying principles and practical techniques to facilitate developmentally appropriate guidance. Topics include designing responsive/supportive learning environments, cultural, linguistic and socio-economic influences on behavior, appropriate expectations, the importance of communication with children/families including using technology and the use of formative assessments in establishing intentional strategies for children with unique needs. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate direct/indirect strategies to encourage social skills, self-regulation, emotional expression and positive behaviors while recognizing the relationship between children's social, emotional and cognitive development. |

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| **EDU-151** | | **Creative Activities** | **EDU-151** |

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| This course introduces developmentally supportive creative learning environments with attention to divergent thinking, creative problem-solving, evidence-based teaching practices, and open-ended learning materials while applying NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Emphasis is placed on observation of process driven learning experiences in art, music, creative movement, dance, and dramatics for every young child age birth through eight, integrated through all domains and academic content. Upon completion, students should be able to examine, create, and adapt developmentally creative learning materials, experiences, and environments for children that are culturally, linguistically, and ability diverse. |

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| **EDU-153** | | **Health, Safety and Nutrition** | **EDU-153** |

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| This course covers promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of every child. Topics include health and nutritional guidelines, common childhood illnesses, maintaining safe and healthy learning environments, health benefits of active play, recognition and reporting of abuse/neglect, and state regulations. Upon completion, students should be able to apply knowledge of NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development for health, safety, nutritional needs and safe learning environments. |

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| **ENG-112** | | **Writing/Research in the Disc** | **ENG-112** |

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| This course, the second in a series of two, introduces research techniques, documentation styles, and writing strategies. Emphasis is placed on analyzing information and ideas and incorporating research findings into documented writing and research projects. Upon completion, students should be able to evaluate and synthesize information from primary and secondary sources using documentation appropriate to various disciplines. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in English Composition. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in English Composition. | | |
| **MAT-143** | | **Quantitative Literacy** | **MAT-143** |

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| This course is designed to engage students in complex and realistic situations involving the mathematical phenomena of quantity, change and relationship, and uncertainty through project- and activity-based assessment. Emphasis is placed on authentic contexts which will introduce the concepts of numeracy, proportional reasoning, dimensional analysis, rates of growth, personal finance, consumer statistics, practical probabilities, and mathematics for citizenship. Upon completion, students should be able to utilize quantitative information as consumers and to make personal, professional, and civic decisions by decoding, interpreting, using, and communicating quantitative information found in modern media and encountered in everyday life. |

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| Competencies |
| ·Student Learning Outcomes 1. Judge the reasonableness of results using estimation, logical processes, and a proper understanding of quantity 2. Utilize proportional reasoning to solve contextual problems and make conversions involving various units of measurement 3. Identify, interpret, and compare linear and exponential rates of growth to make predictions and informed decisions based on data and graphs 4. Differentiate between simple and compound interest and analyze the long-term effects of saving, investing, and borrowing 5. Describe, analyze, and interpret statistical information such as graphs, tables, and summarized data to draw appropriate conclusions when presented with actual statistical studies 6. Determine probabilities and expected values and use them to assess risk and make informed decisions 7. Analyze civic and/or societal issues and critique decisions using relevant mathematics |

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| State Prerequisites | Take One Set: Set 1: DMA-010, DMA-020, DMA-030, and DRE-098 Set 2: DMA-010, DMA-020, DMA-030, and ENG-002 Set 3: DMA-010, DMA-020, DMA-030, and BSP-4002 Set 4: DMA-025, and DRE-098 Set 5: DMA-025, and ENG-002 Set 6: DMA-025, and BSP-4002 Set 7: MAT-003 and DRE-098 Set 8: MAT-003 and ENG-002 Set 9: MAT-003 and BSP-4002 Set 10: BSP-4003 and DRE-098 Set 11: BSP-4003 and ENG-002 Set 12: BSP-4003 and BSP-4002 |

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| State Corequisites | Take MAT-043 |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Mathematics (Quantitative). This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in Mathematics (Quantitative). | | |
| **EDU-221** | | **Children With Exceptionalities** | **EDU-221** |

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| This course covers atypical patterns of child development, inclusive/diverse settings, evidenced-based educational/family plans, differentiated instruction, adaptive materials, and assistive technology. Emphasis is placed on the characteristics of exceptionalities and delays, early intervention/special education, transitions, observation, developmental screening, formative assessment of children, and collaborating with families and community partners. Upon completion, students should be able to recognize diverse abilities, describe the referral process, identify community resources, explain the importance of collaboration with families/professionals, and develop appropriate strategies/adaptations to support children in all environments with best practices as defined by laws, policies and the NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. |

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| State Prerequisites | Take one set: Set 1: EDU-144 and EDU-145 Set 2: PSY-244 and PSY-245 |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement. | | |
| **EDU-234** | | **Infants, Toddlers, and Twos** | **EDU-234** |

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| This course covers the development of high-quality, individualized, responsive/engaging relationships and experiences for infants, toddlers, and twos. Emphasis is placed on typical and atypical child development, working with diverse families to provide positive, supportive, and engaging early learning activities and interactions through field experiences and the application of the NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate responsive curriculum planning, respectful relationships and exposure to a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences/materials that support a foundation for healthy development and growth of culturally, linguistically and ability diverse children birth to 36 months. |

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| **EDU-251** | | **Exploration Activities** | **EDU-251** |

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| This course covers fundamental concepts in the content areas of science, technology, engineering, math and social studies through investigative experiences. Emphasis is placed on exploring fundamental concepts, developmentally appropriate scope and sequence, and teaching strategies to engage each child in the discovery approach. Upon completion, students should be able to understand major concepts in each content area and implement appropriate experiences for young children. |

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| **EDU-280** | | **Language/Literacy Experiences** | **EDU-280** |

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| This course provides evidence-based strategies for enhancing language and literacy experiences that align with NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development. Topics include developmental sequences for children's emergent receptive and expressive language, print concepts, appropriate observations/assessments, literacy enriched environments, quality selection of diverse literature, interactive media, and inclusive practices. Upon completion, students should be able to select, plan, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate language and literacy experiences for children who are culturally, linguistically and ability diverse. |

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| **PSY-150** | | **General Psychology** | **PSY-150** |

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| This course provides an overview of the scientific study of human behavior. Topics include history, methodology, biopsychology, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, cognition, abnormal behavior, personality theory, social psychology, and other relevant topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the science of psychology. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Social/Behavioral Sciences. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in Social/Behavioral Sciences. | | |
| **COM-231** | | **Public Speaking** | **COM-231** |

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| This course provides instruction and experience in preparation and delivery of speeches within a public setting and group discussion. Emphasis is placed on research, preparation, delivery, and evaluation of informative, persuasive, and special occasion public speaking. Upon completion, students should be able to prepare and deliver well-organized speeches and participate in group discussion with appropriate audiovisual support. |

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| College Transfer | This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Communication. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in Communication. | | |
| **EDU-261** | | **Early Childhood Admin I** | **EDU-261** |

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| This course introduces principles and practices essential to preparing and supporting child care administrators. Topics include program philosophy, policies and procedures, NC Child Care Law and Rules, business planning, personnel and fiscal management, and NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct Supplement for Early Childhood Program Administration. Upon completion, students should be able to articulate a developmentally appropriate program philosophy, locate current state licensing regulations, analyze a business plan and examine comprehensive program policies and procedures. |

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| State Corequisites | Take EDU-119 | | |
| **EDU-262** | | **Early Childhood Admin II** | **EDU-262** |

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| This course focuses on advocacy/leadership, public relations/community outreach and program quality/evaluation for diverse early childhood programs. Topics include program evaluation/accreditation, involvement in early childhood professional organizations, leadership/mentoring, family, volunteer and community involvement and early childhood advocacy. Upon completion, students should be able to define and evaluate all components of early childhood programs, develop strategies for advocacy and integrate community into programs. |

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| **EDU-284** | **Early Child Capstone Prac** | | **EDU-284** |

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| This course is designed to allow students to demonstrate acquired skills in a three star (minimum) or NAEYC accredited or equivalent, quality early childhood environment. Emphasis is placed on designing, implementing and evaluating developmentally appropriate activities and environments for all children; supporting/engaging families; and modeling reflective and professional practices based on national and state guidelines. Upon completion, students should be able to apply NC Foundations for Early Learning and Development to demonstrate developmentally appropriate plans/assessments, appropriate guidance techniques and ethical/professional behaviors, including the use of appropriate technology, as indicated by assignments and onsite faculty assessments. |

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| State Prerequisites | Take One Set: Set 1: EDU-119, EDU-144, EDU-145, EDU-146, and EDU-151 Set 2: EDU-119, PSY-244, PSY-245, EDU-146, and EDU-151 Set 3: EDU-119, EDU-144, PSY-245, EDU-146, and EDU-151 Set 4: EDU-119, PSY-244, EDU-145, EDU-146, and EDU-151 |

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