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Associate of Arts Degree Program
with an emphasis in early childhood education
Now, early childhood educators everywhere can begin their professional journey to career advancement with an associate of arts degree with an emphasis in early childhood education from Nova Southeastern University (NSU). This degree is accredited, affordable, convenient, and available anytime via the Internet.

There is no other A.A. program in early childhood education like it, because it is designed specifically with you in mind. Our program is designed for individuals working in Head Start and other early childhood programs who want to improve their skills and advance their careers in a comfortable time frame without leaving their jobs, homes, or families.

Taught by Nova Southeastern University's experienced faculty members, the course work can be completed in as little as 24 months. Upon completion, graduates of the associate of arts with an emphasis in early childhood education (AAECE) program will also meet the new requirements of the Head Start Act and may continue their journey to professional career development with advanced degrees.
Program Design
Coursework covers topics including the following:
- children with special needs
- early literacy
- family, schools, and communities
- organization of learning environments
- preparing children for success in the classroom

All courses are delivered online via the Internet, which allows you to do all of the following at times and places that are convenient for you:
- receive/transmit coursework
- interact with other participants and your professor
- conduct research

The AAECE program is structured according to the national and state requirements for associate degree programs in early childhood education and is based on the competencies and guidelines established by the following national organizations:
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- American Associate Degree Early Childhood Educators (ACCESS)
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

Through a customized contractual agreement, the A.A. degree program with an emphasis in early childhood education may also be delivered in a live on-site format or with a combination of on-site and distance-learning methodologies.

Admission Requirements
Students must be able to demonstrate proof of the following in order to be admitted and successfully complete the program:
- high school diploma or GED
- knowledge of basic computer skills (including word processing, email, and the Internet)
- daily access to a Web-capable computer (PC or Mac) with an Internet service provider (ISP)

For more information on program requirements, log on to our Web site at www.fgse.nova.edu/ecaa.
Advanced Degree Opportunities

Once you have obtained your CDA and associate of arts degree, our faculty and advisers can help you plan your professional journey based on your career goals and expectations. Through the collaborative efforts of the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, and Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University offers numerous opportunities to enhance your career with advanced degrees including the following:

- bachelor of science (B.S.)
- master of science (M.S.) with specializations in early childhood education administration, early literacy education, education of young children, child and youth care administration, and prekindergarten/primary education
- educational specialist (Ed.S.) with specializations in early literacy education and prekindergarten/primary education
- doctor of education (Ed.D.) with a specialization in child and youth studies

Eligibility

The A.A. program is designed for the following individuals:

- early childhood educators
- members of the Head Start community
- students seeking Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials
- students with current CDA credentials

Financial Aid

Several financial aid options may be available to you from the following sources:

- Nova Southeastern University's Office of Student Financial Assistance
  800-806-3680 or www.nova.edu/cwis/financialaid
- T.E.A.C.H. scholarships (currently available in 18 states)
- Head Start scholarships (available nationwide)
Get started today.

Call the Student Educational Centers at 800-986-3223, visit our Web site, or complete and mail back the attached reply card (no postage necessary).

www.fgse.nova.edu/eca
Yes! I am interested in advancing my career in early childhood education with the following credentials:

☐ Child Development Associate Credential  ☐ Associate of Arts Degree

☐ I am starting on my journey with a CDA and A.A. and I hope to continue to make a valuable and lasting contribution to the early childhood education community of life-long learners.

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Current position/title: ____________________________________________

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This exceptional A.A. degree program is a collaborative effort between Nova Southeastern University's Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, and Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services.

**Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies**

The Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies, formerly known as the Family Center, is a nationally recognized model providing a range of programs designed to strengthen families and enhance the ability of parents and caregivers to foster the healthy development of children. The institute showcases best practices in the fields of early childhood education, family support, and parenting education, achieving its mission through direct services to families and children, development and implementation of early childhood education and training programs, community outreach programs, and advocacy.

**Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies**

Nova Southeastern University's Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies is a small, personal community within a large university, which offers its students unique opportunities. The small classes, close student-professor relationships, and flexible scheduling are enriched through the resources provided by Nova Southeastern University. Through its educational offerings, research projects, and programs of public service, the university encourages the free exchange of ideas and the search for knowledge, both of which are cornerstones of the academic tradition.

**Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services**

NSU's Fischler Graduate School of Education and Human Services (FGSEHS) is the largest graduate school of education at an accredited university (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) in the United States, offering dozens of programs of postgraduate study in the fields of education and related human services. With more than 25 years of experience in distance education, FGSEHS offers almost all programs via site-based, cluster-based, or online curriculum delivery with a manner that adapts to students' work schedules and locations.

For more information call (954) 262-8500 or 800-986-3223, or visit us on the World Wide Web at www.fgse.nova.edu/ecaa.