



## **Division of Business and Professional Studies**

### **Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education**

This program prepares students for positions working with children in a variety of settings including child care centers, nursery schools, and after-school programs. The professional courses in the program provide a broad, basic understanding of children's developmental needs and a repertoire of specialized skills. Fieldwork in approved early childhood centers expose students to the practical aspects of working with children. Students graduating from the Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education will achieve proficiency in the college-wide learning outcomes.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- Use knowledge of child development, diversity and educational philosophies to create supportive and challenging learning environments for all young children.
- Demonstrate culturally sensitive strategies for engaging families and communities in children's learning
- Use recognized observation and documentation techniques appropriately for the assessment and support of young children.
- Build, implement and evaluate meaningful curriculum.
- Display the professional dispositions of early childhood educators.
- Use content learning from general education courses to develop standards-based curriculum as well as to enhance communication, quantitative and science reasoning, critical thinking and technological skills.