

Education Programs at JCC Spring 2021:

Transfer Programs:

The ***Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation*** is a specialized transfer degree for students interested in pursuing a teacher licensure in elementary, middle, high school, or special education. Within the degree program, the student will have learning opportunities for the achievement of competence within the general education coursework such as reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical and natural science, social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities. This degree will transfer to all the education programs in the four-year institutions in NC.

The ***Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation*** is a specialized transfer degree for students interested in pursuing a teacher licensure in elementary, middle, high school in the STEM related fields. Within the degree program, the student will have learning opportunities for the achievement of competence within the general education coursework such as reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical and natural science, social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities. This degree will transfer to all the education programs in the four-year institutions in NC.

The **JoCo Teach** or ***Associate in Science in Teacher Education Concentration*** is a specialized transfer degree for students interested in pursuing a teacher licensure in elementary, middle, high school in the STEM related fields. This is a dual enrollment program with NC State University. Within the degree program, the student will have learning opportunities for the achievement of competence within the general education coursework such as reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical and natural science, social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities.

The ***Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education - Licensure*** program prepares individuals to work with children from birth through age eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers. Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate learning opportunities to young children in early childhood settings and earn the general education and early childhood foundational classes to transfer to a high institute to pursue B-K teacher licensure. This degree will transfer to all the early childhood education programs in the UNC system and a number of private universities.

The ***Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education - Non-Licensure*** program prepares individuals to work with children from birth through age eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers. Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in early childhood settings and earn the general education and early childhood foundational classes to transfer to a high institute to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. This degree will transfer to all the early childhood education programs in the UNC system and a number of private universities. (See NCCCS web page for this articulation agreement.

For more information see our website at: <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/education/index.aspx>

Note: CCP pathways available leading to the AA & AS in Teacher Preparation and the AS in Teacher Education Concentration.

So, to break it down into the simplest terms for prospective students:

- Associate of Applied Sciences in Early Childhood Education is for students who want to seek birth-kindergarten licensure to teach in a Head Start, Early Head Start, or NC Pre-K classroom
- Associate of Applied Sciences in Early Childhood Education is for transfer students who want to be a highly qualified early childhood program director or work as a technical assistance provider

- Associate of Arts in Teacher Prep is for those seeking licensure in elementary (K-5) , middle (6-9), high school (9-12) or special education
- Associate of Science in Teacher Prep is for those seeking licensure in elementary (K-5) , middle (6-9), or high school (9-12) who plan to teach Science, Math or Technology
- Associate of Science in Teacher Education Concentration is for those seeking licensure in elementary (K-5) , middle (6-9), or high school (9-12) who plan to teach Science, Math, Engineering, or Technology

Early Childhood also offers some additional non-transfer pathways:

The ***Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education -Professional*** program prepares individuals to work with children from birth through age eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers. Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate learning opportunities with young children in early childhood settings. Graduates complete 144 hours of practicum field experience, much like a student teaching experience. This degree provides the student with the credentials to be at the highest level required for early childhood teacher in a licensed child care program and a Level I administrator for a NC licensed child care program. Embedded in this pathway is the “NC Early Childhood Credential” that every person working in a NC licensed child care program must have and the Administration coursework needed for center directors.

The ***Diploma in Early Childhood Education*** prepares individuals to work with children from birth through age eight in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with young children under the supervision of qualified teachers. Graduates are prepared to plan developmentally appropriate learning opportunities with young children in early childhood settings. Embedded in this pathway is the “NC Early Childhood Credential” that every person working in a NC licensed child care program must have.

The ***Certificate in Early Childhood Administration*** prepares individuals to work as a center director in an early childhood program with children from birth through age eight. Graduates are prepared to establish and maintain developmentally appropriate learning environments for young children. Embedded in this pathway is the “NC Early Childhood Credential” that every person working in a NC licensed child care program must have and the Administration coursework needed for center directors.

The ***Certificate in Early Childhood Preschool*** prepares individuals to work as a teacher in an early childhood program with children from birth through age eight. Graduates are prepared to establish and maintain developmentally appropriate learning environments for young children. Embedded in this pathway is the “NC Early Childhood Credential” that every person working in a NC licensed child care program must have.

The ***Certificate in Infant/Toddler Care*** prepares individuals to work as a teacher in an infant or toddler classroom (birth-36 months) early childhood program with the youngest children. Graduates are prepared to establish and maintain developmentally appropriate learning environments for very young children. Embedded in this pathway is the “NC Early Childhood Credential” that every person working in a NC licensed child care program must have.

NC Child Care Credentials: If a student ONLY want the child care credentials they only need to take one class. EDU 119 Intro to Early Childhood so please have them apply as a Special Credit student coming to take that one class. Note back in 1980’s and 1990’s it used to require 2 classes, so some older child care program directors send them to us saying they need the 2 credential classes, it is not just the one.