A.A. in Preschool Education

Day care center workers serve a vital role in our society, as more and more parents seek child care options outside the home. These workers assume the responsibility for a large portion of the child's waking hours, and must be educated to fulfill these responsibilities in a manner that contributes positively to the child's overall growth and development. They must understand the basic principles of child development, including physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth. They must be able to manage behavior and to observe changes. And they must be able to establish positive relationships with families of the children in their care.

The AA Degree Program in Pre-School Education is designed for students who wish to enter the field of child care or pre-school teaching immediately upon graduation. Upon completion of the program, the students are qualified to teach in a day care or pre-school, or to continue with their BA Degree in Pre-School Education at JMVU. They could also transfer to a four-year program in Education or Child Development, or pursue other Liberal Arts majors at other colleges.

Program Objectives

1. Describe the development and theoretical foundations of preschool education
2. Explain the theories of childhood development as well as the factors that influence child typical and atypical development.
3. Maintain a secure, healthy and safe educational environment
4. Produce lesson plans to promote the development of children with and without special needs in all the developmental domains as well as select and adapt the instructional strategies and materials to assure developmental appropriateness
5. Use strategies to create and maintain partnership with parents and the community
6. Use proper tools to observe and assess each of the developmental areas to document and foster development
7. Integrate technology into the education process.

This program is offered exclusively in English or in Spanish.

Program Delivery

Students enrolled in the A.A in Preschool Education will be able to take the Program will complete at least 51% and up to 99% of the coursework online. At least 1% of the course will be offered on campus.

DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Technological requirements for Distance Education Students:

Students must have ready access to all standards outlined. Additionally, some courses require the ability to   download and install software.

It is recommended that students need to have basic technological proficiency. Assignments may include, but are not limited to, word processing, document creation, digital slide presentations, and recording video   presentation. Students that don't have the basic technological proficiency can benefit from the university's   optional offered trainings in the mentioned areas.

Devices
- A Desktop or laptop device is necessary to complete the coursework.
- Desktop or laptop device must have Windows 8/10 or MacOS 10.10 or above and the capability of producing sound via speakers or headphones.
- Mobile devices may be used for some, but not all, LMS functions. A mobile device cannot replace a desktop/laptop.

Connectivity
- High-speed Internet connection: Cable, DSL, etc.
- Internet Web Browser (Firefox, Internet Edge, Safari, or Google Chrome).
- Personal or university e-mail account.

Recommended creation/processing software
- Word Processor (MS Word, Google Docs, etc.).
- PDF Reader (Adobe Acrobat Reader or Apple Preview).
- Additional software may be required for certain courses.

Students privacy:
Student privacy is very important to the university. Students the university FERPA statement located university website under the consumer disclosures tab in the financial aid section. Students may also review the student records section of the university catalog pages 79-80 for more information on privacy.

Verification of Identity Protection:
During the admissions process students will be asked to provide a copy of their state or government issue ID. After students begin their program they will be required to upload a face picture to their Vargas Portal profile. Student identities will be verified and their privacy protected through the use of a student a unique username and password during the Admissions process. The Admissions and Financial Aid Offices will verify incoming student documentation. Student privacy will be protected through the https secure connection of the Vargas Portal. Students will login online and agree through a student agreement that they are the sole users of the course materials. Students will be ask to submit their assignments on the Vargas Portal.

Additional Distance Education Fees:
There are no platform access fees, online library access fees, fees associated with identity verification and the course textbooks maybe purchased by the students on amazon.com and other online retail stores. If students desire the university to purchase the course textbooks for the student, the university will charge the cost of the book plus $30 to the student account. Through the Vargas Portal students will be able to pay the charges, if they desire the university to buy the books for them.

Graduation Requirements

The A.A. degree in Preschool Education requires a minimum of 60 credit hours to graduate, distributed as follows:

I. General Education Requirements (Lower Level Courses) (Semesters I & II)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	CORE/REQUIRED	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
SLS 1601	ORIENTATION & STUDY AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0

Area of Communications: (requirement of 4 courses for 12 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
ENC 1000	Oral & Written Communication	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
ENC 1101	Composition I	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
ENC 1102	Composition II	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
SPC 1053	Oral Expression	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

Area of Mathematics: (requirement of 2 courses for 6 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
MAC 1105	College Mathematics I - Algebra & Geometry	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0
MAC 1114	College Mathematics II - Geometry & Trigonometry	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

Area of Natural Sciences: (requirement of 1 elective courses for 3 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
BSC 1085	General Anatomy and Physiology	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
BSC 1005	Biology	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
CHM 1025	General Chemistry	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PHY 248	General Physics	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
MCB 2240	Etiology of Diseases	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0

Area of Humanities and Art: (requirement of 1 of the following for 3 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
ARH 2000	Art Appreciation	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
ARH 2010	Art History	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PHI 2030	Contemporary Philosophical Issues	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PHI 2103	Critical Thinking	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0
PHI 2600	Ethics	ONLINE	Elective	3.00	3	0

Area of Behavioral Sciences: (requirement of PSY2012 for 3 CR)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
PSY 2012	General Psychology	ONLINE	General Education	3.00	3	0

II. Professional Education Requirements (Upper Level Courses)

Semester III: (Requirement of 15 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
EDF 1005	Introduction to Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 1000	Child Growth and Development	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 1202	The Child Care Curriculum	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2940	Preschool Internship I	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	2.00	0	2
EEC 2270	Teaching Preschool Children with Special Needs	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
HSC 2400	First Aid and CPR	ONLINE	Core/Required	1.00	1	0

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Semester IV (Requirement of 15 CR) Required:

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	DELIVERY MODE	COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE CREDIT/CLOCK HOURS	ONLINE CREDIT HOURS	IN PERSON COMPONENT
EEC 2001	Introduction to Preschool Education	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 1601	Observing, Recording and Guiding Children's Behavior	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 1520	Professional Child Care Management	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2300	Preschool Instructional Methods and Materials	ONLINE	Core/Required	3.00	3	0
EEC 2941	Preschool Internship II	RESIDENTIAL	Core/Required	2.00	0	2
CHD 1330	Children's Literacy and Language Arts	ONLINE	Core/Required	1.00	1	0
TOTAL				**60.00**	**56**	**2**
					Total Distance Education - 93%	

- Successful completion of the university career services requirements.