## CURRICULUM STANDARD

| Curriculum Program Title | School-Age Education | Program Code | A55440 |
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| Concentration | (not applicable) | CIP | 13.1202 |
|  |  | Code |  |

## Curriculum Description

This curriculum prepares individuals to work with children in elementary through middle grades in diverse learning environments. Students will combine learned theories with practice in actual settings with schoolage children under the supervision of qualified teachers.

Course work includes child growth/development; computer technology in education; physical/nutritional needs of school-age children; care and guidance of school-age children; and communication skills with families and children. Students will foster the cognitive/language, physical/motor, social/emotional, and creative development of school-age populations.

Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate programs in school-aged environments. Employment opportunities include school-age teachers in child care programs, before/afterschool programs, paraprofessional positions in public/ private schools, recreational centers, and other programs that work with school-age populations.

## Curriculum Requirements*

## [for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

I. General Education. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
II. Major Hours. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. (See second page for additional information.)
III. Other Required Hours. A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

|  | AAS | Diploma | Certificate |
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| Minimum General Education Hours | 15 | 6 | 0 |
| Minimum Major Hours | 49 | 30 | 12 |
| Other Required Hours | $0-7$ | $0-4$ | $0-1$ |
| Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) | $\mathbf{6 4 - 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 - 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 - 1 8}$ |

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## Major Hours

A. Core. The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
B. Concentration (if applicable). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
C. Other Major Hours. Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degree and diploma curriculum programs up to a maximum of 8 semester hours credit and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours credit.


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[^0]:    *Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

[^1]:    Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on November 21, 2008, Corrected 02/04/09; CRC Revised—Electronic Only 03/26/09; Editorial Revision 12/19/12; CRC Revised-Electronic Only 05/29/13; Prefix Addition 08/01/15; CRC Revised-Electronic Only 02/25/16 SBCC Revised 03/16/18; CCRC Revised-Electronic Only 10/O9/18; CCRC Revised-Electronic Only 05/23/19; CCRC Revised--Electronic Only (RISE Initiative) 10/24/19.

