

Barton Community College

Early Childhood

Executive Summary

Objective:

- Program needs to be updated to meet the new Kansas Early Learning Standards and general accepted best practices that have been updated/changed in the 10 years since the program has had any significant changes. These changes will also decrease the barriers for individuals who are currently working in the Early Childhood industry but need a certificate or degree to advance in their career.
- Create a clear delineation between Infant/Toddler and Preschool Curriculum, allowing students to specialize in an age group.
- Fill a gap in training for individuals wanting to be Paraeducators and Substitute Teachers.

Program Changes:

- Amending current 24 credit hour certificate to be a 28-credit hour Infant and Toddler Certificate
- Adding a 28-credit hour Preschool Certificate
- Adding an 18-credit hour Paraeducator Certificate
- Adding an 8-credit hour Substitute SAPP
- Updating the 64-credit hour Associate in Applied Science degree to include the new courses
- Updating the 60-credit hour Associate in Science degree to include the new courses.

Course Changes:

- Early Intervention Birth to 3 (Updated)
- Early Childhood Observation and Assessment (New)
- Infant and Toddler Field Experience (New)
- Infant and Toddler Creative Activities (New)
- Play Based Learning (New)
- Preschool Creative Activities (New)
- Preschool Field Experience (New)
- School Age Field Experience (New)
- Guidance and Discipline (SPED) (New)
- Introduction to Substitute Teaching (New)
- Paraprofessional Classroom Readiness (New)
- Creative Experiences (Archived)
- Creative Activities (Archived)
- Practicum (Archived)
- Practicum II (Archived)
- Internship (Archived)
- Child Play and Games (Archived)

Training Team:

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