

**Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education  
Instructor Credentials  
Associate's Degrees and Related Curriculum Frameworks/Intended Outcomes**

Current Associate's Degrees	Curriculum Frameworks/Intended Outcomes <sup>1</sup>
<p><b>Child Development</b> (The degree is no longer issued by a Florida institution.)</p>	<p><b>Core<sup>2</sup></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate knowledge of growth and development.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate various observations and recording methods.</li> <li>3. Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of positive interactions with the family.</li> <li>4. Demonstrate knowledge of state and local rules and regulations.</li> <li>5. Demonstrate knowledge of child abuse and neglect.</li> <li>6. Demonstrate knowledge of safety, health, and nutrition.</li> <li>7. Demonstrate knowledge of disabling conditions.</li> <li>8. Demonstrate knowledge of the early childhood education profession.</li> <li>9. Demonstrate knowledge of community needs and resources.</li> </ol> <p><b>Infant/Toddler Specialization</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Plan for, establish, and maintain a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment for infants and toddlers.</li> <li>11. Guide physical development of infants and toddlers.</li> <li>12. Guide cognitive, language, literacy, and sensory development of infants and toddlers.</li> <li>13. Guide creative development of infants and toddlers.</li> <li>14. Guide social and affective development of infants and toddlers.</li> <li>15. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and classroom management for infants and toddlers.</li> <li>16. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction with the family.</li> <li>17. Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood education: infants/toddlers.</li> </ol> <p><b>Preschool Specialization</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Plan for, establish, and maintain a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment for three, four, and five-year-old preschool children.</li> <li>19. Guide the physical development of three, four, and five-year-old preschool children.</li> <li>20. Guide the cognitive, language, and literacy development of three-, four-, and five-year-old preschool children.</li> <li>21. Guide the creative development of three, four, and five-year-old preschool children.</li> </ol>

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	<p>22. Guide the social and affective development of three, four, and five-year-old preschool children.</p> <p>23. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and classroom management for three, four, and five year old preschool children.</p> <p>24. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction with the child's family.</p> <p>25. Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood education: preschool.</p> <p><b>School Age Specialization</b></p> <p>26. Plan for, establish, and maintain a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment for school age children.</p> <p>27. Guide physical development of school age children.</p> <p>28. Guide cognitive, language and literacy development of school age children.</p> <p>29. Guide creative development of school age children.</p> <p>30. Guide social and affective development of school age children.</p> <p>31. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and classroom management.</p> <p>32. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction with the family and school.</p> <p>33. Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood education: school age.</p> <p><b>Children With Disabling Conditions Specialization</b></p> <p>34. Plan for, establish, and maintain a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment.</p> <p>35. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and program management.</p> <p>36. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction with the family.</p> <p><b>Family Day Care Specialization</b></p> <p>37. Guide Physical Development.</p> <p>38. Guide cognitive, language, and literacy development.</p> <p>39. Guide creative development.</p> <p>40. Guide social and affective development.</p> <p>41. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and program management.</p> <p>42. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction the family.</p> <p>43. Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood education: Family Day Care.</p>

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	<p><b>Home Visitor Specialization</b></p> <p>44. Help family members provide a safe environment to prevent and reduce injuries.</p> <p>45. Help family members promote good health and nutrition and provide an environment that contributes to the prevention of illness.</p> <p>46. Help family members to construct an interesting, secure, and enjoyable environment that encourages play, exploration, and learning.</p> <p>47. Help family members promote the physical development of children.</p> <p>48. Show family members how to encourage curiosity, exploration, and problem solving appropriate to the developmental levels and learning styles of children.</p> <p>49. Encourage family members to support children in understanding, acquiring, and using verbal and non-verbal means to communicate thoughts and feelings.</p> <p>50. Help family members to encourage and guide exploratory activities.</p> <p>51. Support family members in providing emotional security for each child.</p> <p>52. To assist family members to provide an environment which encourages prosocial behavior.</p> <p>53. To initiate and maintain an open, friendly, and cooperative relationship with each family.</p> <p><b>Child Development Center Management</b></p> <p>54. Demonstrate skills in managing the financial affairs of a child development center.</p> <p>55. Develop a food service program to meet the nutritional needs of children.</p> <p>56. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate methods of guidance and program management.</p> <p>57. Initiate and facilitate positive interaction with families.</p> <p>58. Demonstrate leadership and organizational skills.</p> <p>59. Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood education: management.</p>
<p><b>Any Field (with at least 6 credit hours in early childhood education or child development, and at least 480 hours of experience in teaching or providing child care services for children any age from birth through 8 years of age).</b></p>	

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<sup>2</sup>Degree applicants must successfully complete required courses in the core and in one area of specialization.