## Program Outcomes Assessment Table (POAT) Program: Associate Degree in Applied Science; Major in Early Care and Education Academic Year: 2021-2022

College Outcomes	Program Outcomes Graduates will be able to: Standard 1:	Course Learning Outcomes Students will be able to:	Performance Measure Benchmark:	Results  Benchmark	Curricula Use of Results	Success Trends
2, 3	Child Development and Learning in Context Early childhood educators (a) are grounded in an understanding of the developmental period of early childhood from birth through age 8 across developmental domains. They (b) understand each child as an individual with unique developmental variations. Early childhood educators (c) understand that children learn and develop within relationships and within multiple contexts, including families, cultures, languages, communities, and society. They (d) use this multidimensional knowledge to make evidence-based decisions about how to carry out their responsibilities.	While placed in a lab placement setting that includes exceptional children, the student will observe and record information in specified areas of development, research specific areas of disability, design and implement learning opportunities, and document findings in a Case Study paper.	80% of students in ECD 107 will earn a passing grade on the Case Study assignment. Action Level: Below 80%	Met 83% of students who completed the assignment earned a passing score.	This comprehensive assignment requires students use skills gained over time to observe, interact, research, plan, and implement activities in the classroom that support the needs of an exceptional child. In 2019 & 2020 the students were not permitted to attend lab placement settings due to COVID and video observations provided by the instructor were substituted for classroom experiences. In 2021 the students were permitted to return to lab placement settings for real life experiences. Because students were able to return to lab practicum placements, they were able to gain a deeper understanding of child development, the uniqueness of each individual child, the importance of relationships,	100 80 60 40 20 2019 2020 2021

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					and providing appropriate instruction based on the needs of the child. In order to continue improving on the assignment, instructors will spend class time discussing and reviewing the requirements and providing individual support as needed.	
2	Standard 2: Family–Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections Early childhood educators understand that successful early childhood education depends upon educators' partnerships with the families of the young children they serve. They (a) know about, understand, and value the diversity in family characteristics. Early childhood educators (b) use this understanding to create respectful, responsive, reciprocal relationships with families and to engage with them as partners in their young children's development and learning. They (c) use community resources to support young children's learning and development and to support children's families, and they build connections	Students will demonstrate the ability to actively engage with parents and children while completing the Parent Engagement Plan assignment. Students will meet with families, gather information, complete assessments, plan and provide activities for parents to use with their children and reflect on the parent survey responses to improve their planning and teaching skills.	Benchmark: 80% of Students in 108 will score a passing grade or higher on the Family Engagement Plan assignment.  Action Level: Below 80%	Benchmark Met 91.66% of students earned a passing score on the assignment.	Due to COVID restrictions, this assignment was completed virtually in 2019 and 2020. It is more difficult for students to connect with families when they are not able to meet with them face-to-face. The students were able to conduct interviews and assessments face-to-face in 2021. This return to face-to-face interactions and engagement provided students with more thorough background information and enabled them to engage on s more personal level with the families and children. To continue moving forward next year, instructors will provide additional online reference materials for students and will spend class time reviewing the	100 80 60 40 20 2019 2020 2021
	between early learning settings, schools, and				assignment requirements and discussing parent/student interactions.	

community organizations and						
agencies.						
Standard 3:	ECD 203 students	Benchmark:	Benchmark	Students begin learning		
Child Observation,	will observe,	80% of	Met	about and practicing		
Documentation, and	document and use	students in ECD	89% of	assessments in EDU 204, a	100 -	
Assessment	a variety of	203 will earn a	students	pre-requisite course to ECD	95 –	
Early childhood educators (a)	assessment tools.	passing grade	earned a	203. Using this previous		
understand that the primary	Students will	on the	passing score	knowledge, students build	90 –	
purpose of assessments is to	demonstrate the	Assessments	on the	on their observation,	85 –	
inform instruction and	ability to use	assignment.	assignment.	documentation, reflection	80 –	
planning in early learning	ethically grounded	assignificate.	assignificate.	and planning skills by	75 –	
settings.	and	Action Level:		choosing and completing	:	2019 2020 2021
They (b) know how to use	developmentally,	Below 80%		assessments in a preschool		
observation, documentation,	culturally, ability,	DC1011 0070		lab practicum setting.		
and other appropriate	and linguistically			During 2020, the students		
assessment approaches and	appropriate			were not able to attend lab		
tools. Early childhood	assessment tools			practicum settings due to		
educators (c) use screening	to document			the COVID shutdown and		
and assessment tools in ways	developmental			video observations provided		
that are ethically grounded	progress and			by instructors were used		
and developmentally,	promote positive			instead. Without the ability		
culturally, ability, and	outcomes for each			to practice in person, it was		
linguistically appropriate to	child by using the			more difficult for students		
document developmental	results to plan			to connect theory to		
progress and promote positive	learning			practice as demonstrated by		
outcomes for each child. In	experiences.			the drop on success in 2020.		
partnership with				In 2021 students have been		
families and professional				able to return to preschool		
colleagues, early childhood				classrooms to complete		
educators (d) use assessments				these assessments. Which		
to document individual				has resulted in improved		
children's progress and, based				student comprehension and		
on the				practice skill levels. Students		
findings, to plan learning				are more successful when		
experiences.				provided with real life		
				experiences that support		
				instructional theory. Moving		
				forward, students will		
				continue to use lab		

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					practicum settings to	
					complete assessments and	
					instructors will discuss	
					practicum experiences in	
					the classroom to deepen	
					student knowledge.	
	Standard 4: Developmentally,	Students will	Benchmark:	Benchmark	Due to COVID restrictions in	
	Culturally,	demonstrate	80% of	Not Met	2019 and 2020, most	
	and Linguistically Appropriate	Positive	students in ECD	71% of	students in ECD 237 in 2020	
	Teaching Practices	relationships and	237 will earn a	student	and in 2021 did not have the	
	Early childhood educators	interactions with	passing score		opportunity to complete lab	100
	understand that teaching and	children in the	for the		practicum experiences face-	80
	learning with young children is	preschool lab	Integrated		to-face during COVID. The	60
	a complex enterprise, and its	practicum setting	Teaching Plan		first face-to-face lab	40
	details vary depending on	which is a	assignment.		practicum experience for	20
	children's ages and	component of the			most of the 2021 ECD 237	0
	characteristics and on the	Integrated	Action Level:		students was in the fall of	2019 2020 2021
	settings in which teaching and	Teaching Plan.	Below 80%		2021 while enrolled in ECD	2013 2020 2021
	learning occur. They (a)	They will use			237. Because of this, it was	
	understand and demonstrate	teaching skills that			more difficult for these	
	positive, caring, supportive	follow			students to connect theory	
	relationships and interactions	developmentally			with practice as they	
	as the foundation for	appropriate			completed this	
	their work with young	practice for young			comprehensive capstone	
	children. They (b) understand	children. In			assignment. Without real	
	and use teaching skills that are	developing the			life experiences working	
	responsive to the learning	Integrated			with children, students had	
	trajectories of young children	Teaching Plan, a			more difficulty choosing and	
	and to the needs of each child.	broad repertoire of			planning developmentally	
	Early childhood educators (c)	culturally and			appropriate activities.	
	use a broad repertoire of	linguistically			Moving forward, students	
	developmentally appropriate	relevant,			will attend lab practicum	
	and culturally and linguistically	anti-bias, and			placements in EDU 204, ECD	
	relevant,	evidence-based			203, and ECD 107 prior to	
	anti-bias, and evidence-based	teaching			enrolling in ECD 237 to give	
	teaching approaches that	approaches will be			them real life experiences	
	reflect the principles of	used.			that support coursework.	
	universal design for learning.				When enrolled in ECD 237,	
					students will attend lab	

				practicum weekly as a part		
				of the course in preparation		
				for student teaching in ECD		
				243.		
Standard 5:	The Integrated	Benchmark:	Benchmark	Due to the COVID shutdown		
Knowledge, Application, and	Teaching Plans	80% of	Met	in the spring of 2019, ECD	100	
Integration of Academic	created in ECD 237	students in ECD	80% of	students no longer had	80	
Content in the Early	are implemented in	243 will earn a	students met	access to lab practicum	60	
Childhood Curriculum	ECD 243 during the	passing grade	the standard	placements unless they		
Early childhood educators	Supervised Field	on this	for	were already working in a	40	
have knowledge of the	Experience student	assignment.	implementing	childcare center or school	20	
content of the academic	teaching		lesson plans.	setting. Because of this, in	0	
disciplines (e.g., language	experience.	Action Level:	Toosen prants	2019, only 2 of the 8		2019 2020 2021
and literacy, the arts,	Students	Below 80%		students enrolled in ECD		
mathematics, social studies,	demonstrate the			243 were able to complete		
science, technology and	ability to revise			their student teaching		
engineering, physical	plans based on the			experience. Extended time		
education) and of the	needs of the			was provided for students to		
pedagogical methods for	students, teach			complete student teaching,		
teaching each discipline. They	content and			but the 6 remaining		
(a) understand the central	domain knowledge			students did not return and		
concepts, the methods and	using			complete the degree.		
tools of inquiry, and the	developmentally			Because COVID restrictions		
structures in each academic	appropriate			continued into 2020, only 4		
discipline. Educators (b)	practices, and			students enrolled in ECD		
understand pedagogy,	ensure that			243 with access to student		
including how young children	learning will be			teaching settings continuing		
learn and process information	stimulating,			to be extremely limited. All		
in each discipline, the learning	challenging, and			of these students were		
trajectories for each discipline,	meaningful to each			successful which is reflected		
and how teachers use this	child.			in the data, but the low		
knowledge to inform their				student count due to COVID		
practice They (c) apply this				should be mentioned. In		
knowledge using early				2021, low enrollment has		
learning standards and other				continued in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year		
resources to make decisions				courses as long-term impact		
about spontaneous and				of the COVID shutdown.		
planned learning experiences				Moving forward, the		
and about curriculum				program will continue to		

development, implementation, and evaluation to ensure that learning will be stimulating, challenging, and meaningful to each child.  Standard 6: Professionalism as an Early	Students document	Benchmark:	Benchmark Not Mot	build and maintain community connections with childcare centers and school districts to ensure that students have access to student teaching settings. We are also focusing on rebuilding the number of students completing the program by reaching out to students that have not completed their program due to COVID as well as reaching out to new students interested in enrolling in the program. Students are encouraged to	100
Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator Early childhood educators (a) identify and participate as members of the early childhood profession. They serve as informed advocates for young children, for the families of the children in their care, and for the early childhood profession. They (b) know and use ethical guidelines and other early childhood professional guidelines. They (c) have professional communication skills that effectively support their relationships and work young children, families, and colleagues. Early	their viewpoints ad reflect on classroom practices related to professionalism as an early childhood educator by completing the Philosophy of Teaching paper. Students use written communication skills to reflect on how they see themselves in the education field, how they will advocate for children and the profession, their understanding of	80% of students in ECD 243 will earn a passing grade on this assignment.  Action Level: Below 80%	Not Met 75% of students met this standard.	identify professionally with the field of Early Care and Education beginning in ECD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education and there is follow up in ECD 105, ECD 107, ECD 203, and ECD 243. This sense of professionalism develops over time as students participate in lab practicum experiences and complete related assignments throughout the program. Due to COVID restrictions in 2019 and 2020, most students enrolled in ECD 243 in 2021 did not have the opportunity to attend lab practicum for 3 of the 5 lab courses in the program. This lack of real-life experience	100 80 60 40 20 0 2019 2020 2021

childhood educators (d) are	professional		has made it more difficult	
continuous, collaborative	guidelines and how		for students to understand	
learners who (e) develop and	they plan to		and connect with the field of	
sustain the habit of reflective	continue forward		professional education. As	
and	as a lifelong learner		seen in the data, all of the	
intentional practice in their	working with		students in 2019 who had	
daily work with young children	others in this		completed all previous lab	
and as members of the early	profession.		requirements face-to-face	
childhood profession.	·		were successful, but in 2020	
			and 2021 this lack of real-	
			life experience has impacted	
			student knowledge and	
			comprehension. Moving	
			forward, we will continue	
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