

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science • Program Code: 280 • Credit Hours: 60-61
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This degree is designed for students who plan to teach young children from birth to age eight in a variety of settings. It prepares students to teach in early childhood programs such as Head Start, preschools, and child care centers. It meets current licensing qualifications for Child Care Center Directors and lead teachers. It satisfies the requirements for classroom instructional aides in public schools.

The AAS in Early Childhood Education satisfies the MACRAO Transfer Agreement for students considering a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Family Studies, Social Work, or Elementary Teacher Education with an Early Childhood Education Major, Minor, or ZA Endorsement option. The student is advised to refer to the senior institution's program requirements and seek joint advising from the ECE Program Coordinator and the transfer institution.

An elementary education teaching degree with an early childhood education ZA endorsement option is offered in its entirety on the campus of North Central Michigan College from Spring Arbor University. Students are advised to work closely with the Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator and Spring Arbor University in course selections.

Students need to have transportation to and from field placement experiences, meet state licensing requirements for adults working with children in child care settings, complete a placement background check and perform within the guidelines of the participating agencies during field placements in ECE 282 practicum/seminar.

Students currently certified in First Aid/CPR may file a course waiver for EMS 101 in Student Services or with the ECE Program Coordinator prior to graduation.

Courses marked with # meet the formal training requirements for the CDA Credential. Students must independently pursue CDA certification through the Council for Professional Recognition (www.cdacouncil.org).

General Education Requirements		26 Credit Hours
ENG 111	English Composition I	3
ENG 112	English Composition II	3
COM 111*	Speech or	
COM 170	Interpersonal Communication	3
Natural Science Lab Course: Choose one from Group B** or		
4 or more credits in MTH 100 or above.		4
Natural Science Lab Course: Choose one from Group A**		4
2 Humanities Courses from 2 disciplines: Choose one from Group A**		6
Social Science Course: Choose one from Group A**		3
* Required for Spring Arbor University Transfer		
** Suggested for Transferability		

Program Requirements		34-35
ECE 105	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 110 #	Curriculum and Methods	3
ECE 120 #+	Administration Of Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 130 #	Child Guidance/Communication Skills	3
ECE 210+	Infants and Toddlers	3
ECE 220	Children with Special Needs	3
ECE 282**	ECE Practicum/Seminar	7
EMS 101*	CPR and First Aid (or current certification)	0-1
ENG 240	Children's Literature	3
PSY 255 #	Child Psychology	3
SOC 271	Marriage and the Family	3

* Course may be waived (requirements met, but course credit not given) if a student presents documentation of current CPR and First Aid certification. Students must earn a minimum of 60 credit hours to be granted an associate's degree from NCMC.

** Prior to enrolling in ECE 282, students must meet with the ECE Program Coordinator for required field placement forms and a program audit.

+ ECE 120 and ECE 210 are required by State of Michigan licensing rules.

Suggested Sequence for Full-Time Students

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Winter)	Semester III (Fall)	Semester IV (Winter)
Social Science Course: Group A	ECE 120	ECE 210	ECE 220
ECE 105	ENG 112	Natural Science Lab	ECE 282
ECE 110	ENG 240	SOC 271	Humanities course (2 disciplines)
ECE 130	EMS 101	Humanities course (2 disciplines)	Natural Science course or 4 or more credits in MTH 100 or above.
ENG 111	PSY 255	COM 111 or COM 170	