

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science

Program Code: 280 Credit Hours: 60-61 Contact Hours: 61-63

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The Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science program prepares students for immediate entry into the workforce educating and caring for young children in a variety of settings. Graduates are prepared to teach in Head Start programs, preschools, childcare centers, and primary grade classrooms as instructional aides. Graduates are also prepared to be child care center directors. Early Childhood Education professionals have specialized training in the care and education of children birth to age eight.

This degree also prepares students for transfer to baccalaureate programs in early childhood education in human services AND elementary teacher education with a major or minor in early childhood education (Elementary Teacher Certification Option II). This degree allows students to complete their MACRAO agreement for general education coursework and transfer into Baccalaureate programs in early childhood education, family life studies, social work, and elementary education option II. Upon graduation, students will have approximately 200 hours of combined observation and participation experience in early childhood classrooms.

Early Childhood Education students will need to have transportation to and from field placements, meet state licensing health and safety requirements for adults working with children in early childhood classrooms, pass a background check, and perform within the guidelines of the participating agencies during field placements in ECE 282 Practicum/Seminar. Students are required to meet with the Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator for the required paperwork and program audit prior to enrollment in ECE 282 Practicum.

A Baccalaureate in Early Childhood Education is available through Lake Superior State University on the campus of North Central Michigan College. A list of required courses, which includes the NCMC AAS ECE degree, is provided on a curriculum guide sheet. Students can contact the Early Childhood Education Coordinator (231) 439-6224, LSSU's Petoskey office at (231)348-6623, or Student Services (231) 348-6605, for the LSSU B.S. curriculum guide sheet.

A Baccalaureate in Elementary Education with a minor in early childhood education is available through Spring Arbor University on the campus of North Central Michigan College. A list of required prerequisites, incorporating the NCMC ECE AAS degree, is available through the Spring Arbor University Center office at (231) 439-6203, the NCMC Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator (231) 439-6224, or Student Services (231) 348-6605.

General Education Requirements

		26 Credit Hours
ENG 111	English Composition I	3
ENG 112	English Composition II	3
COM 111	Speech	3
PSY 161	Intro to Psychology (elementary teacher certification) or	3
SOC 171	Intro to Sociology (human services)	3
BIO 101	Intro to Biology with lab (elementary teacher certification) or	4
BIO 133	Human Biology with lab (human services)	4
Lab Science course from CEM, ESC, PHY or		
4 credits MATH 112 or MATH 120 or higher		4
Art 105 or 106		3
MU 120		3

Program Requirements

		34-35 Credit Hours
ECE 200	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 205	Curriculum and Methods	3
ECE 210	Infants and Toddlers	3

ECE 215	Child Guidance and Communication Skills	3
ECE 220	Children with Special Needs	3
ECE 225	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
ECE 282	Practicum/Seminar	7
EMS 101*	First Aid/CPR or current certification	0-1
ENG 240	Children's Literature	3
PSY 255	Child Psychology	3
SOC 271	Marriage and Family	3

*Course may be waived (requirements met, but course credit not given) if the student presents documentation of current First Aid and CPR certifications.

Prior to enrolling in ECE 282 Practicum/ Seminar, students are required to meet with the ECE Program Coordinator for required field placement forms and a program audit.

Suggested Sequence for Full time Students:

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Winter)	Semester III (Fall)	Semester IV (Winter)
ENG 111	ENG 112	ENG 240	EMS 101
PSY 161 or SOC 171	PSY 255	MU 120	ART 105 or 106
COM 111	BIO 101 or 133	ECE 210	SOC 271
ECE 200	ECE 205	ECE 225	ECE 282
ECE 215	ECE 220	Lab SCI or MATH 112 or 120 (or higher)	