

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

This program is designed for students to develop the knowledge and skills required for working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The focus of this program is to prepare students to work in positions dealing with the development and educational needs of children from birth through second grade. This program will help students become competent in the following areas of Early Childhood:

- Child development and developmentally appropriate practices
- Design and setting up safe and healthy learning environments
- Curriculum design and implementation that is age, developmentally, and culturally appropriate
- Establish positive relationships between caregivers/teachers and families
- Advancing the physical, intellectual, social and emotional competences

This program is structured such that students may continue their education and acquire a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. Students will be required to complete a background check.

Careers options include: private or public nursery schools, preschools such as Head Start, home or center-based day care, primary grade paraprofessional, nanny positions, and recreational programs.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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| ENGL 110 | English I | 3 cr. |
| ENGL 120 | English II | 3 cr. |
| COMM 110 | Speech | 3 cr. |
| MATH 102 | Intermediate Algebra or higher | 3 cr. |
| PSYC 100 | Psychology of Student Success | 3 cr. |
| SOC 100 | Job Seeking Skills..... | 2 cr. |
| NAS 101 | Lakota/Dakota Language I..... | 4 cr. |
| SOC 210 | Chemical Dependency I..... | 3 cr. |
| HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION..... | | 2 cr. |
| HPR 106 First Aid/CPR | | |
| HUMANITIES or SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE..... | | 3 cr. |
| Select any one (1) course from: Arts, English, History, Humanities, Literature, Music, Native American Studies, Philosophy, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Human Services, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology | | |
| LABORATORY SCIENCE..... | | 4 cr. |
| CSCI 101 | Introduction to Computer Applications | 3 cr. |
| Total General Education | | 37 credits |

CORE REQUIREMENTS

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| ECE 210 | Introduction to Early Childhood Education..... | 2 cr. |
| ECE 211 | Introduction to Assessment..... | 1 cr. |
| ECE 213 | Language & Literacy Development in ECE | 3 cr. |
| ECE 228 | Developing Learning Environments | 2 cr. |
| ECE 233 | Pre-K Methods and Materials | 3 cr. |
| ECE 236 | Social/Emotional Development & Guidance in ECE | 2 cr. |
| ECE 238 | Child, Family & Community Relations..... | 3 cr. |
| ECE 252 | Stages of Child Development | 3 cr. |
| ECE 254 | Early Childhood Curriculum & Methods | 2 cr. |
| ECE 297 | Early Childhood Education Internship..... | 3 cr. |
| ENGL 238 | Children's Literature | 3 cr. |
| PSYC 101 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 cr. |
| SPD 200 | Exceptional Children | 3 cr. |
| Total Core Requirements | | 33 credits |
| TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | | 70 CREDITS |