

Early Childhood Education

100% Online

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OVERVIEW

Being an early childhood educator is more than a job — it's a calling. It takes more than the love of children for a person to be an effective educator. International research indicates that the education of early childhood professionals is directly related to children's increased social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

In the 100% online Early Childhood Education program at Minnesota State College Southeast, you will learn the competencies and skills required to practice high-quality, professional early education and care strategies for children from infancy through school-age years. In addition, you'll receive mentoring and feedback on these skills throughout the program during hands-on field experiences.

Whether you are just beginning your career or already care for children, gaining a credential in Early Childhood Education will help you increase your effectiveness and competence by learning about and applying:

- curriculum development
- behavior guidance
- caregiving and teaching skills
- professional development
- ethical practices

Special funding is available to help you with your education! Early Childhood Education students may qualify for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Minnesota program, Southeast Foundation scholarships, and Workforce Development Scholarships.

MAJORS WITHIN

Early Childhood Education	AAS	60 credits
Early Childhood and Early Elementary Support/Tutor	AAS	60 credits
Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway	AS	60 credits
Early Childhood Development	Diploma	32 credits
Child Care Assistant	Certificate	16 credits

Estimated costs for each major including tuition, books and supplies are posted on southeastmn.edu under Academics > Academic Programs by Degree.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer options allow students to continue their education toward a bachelor's degree

Online program offers supportive distance learning environment for new and experienced early childhood educators

Combination of child development, professional development, and career application courses

Huge national demand for highly trained early childhood educators

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nanny
Family Child Care Provider
Child Care Center Teacher and/or Director
Nanny Placement Agency Owner
Paraprofessional
Substitute Teacher
Child Advocate
Birth-grade 3 Licensed Teacher (transfer pathway)
Early Childhood Family Educator (transfer to Concordia St. Paul)

JOB PLACEMENT

Nearly 100%



Special financial assistance available in the Early Childhood Education field.

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Sample Program Plans

Child Care Assistant - Certificate

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ECED1102*	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1103*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 1)	3
ECED1104*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 2)	3
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Total Required Credits		16

Early Childhood Education - AAS (FALL start even years)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall)		
ECED1102*	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1103*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 1)	3
ECED1104*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 2)	3
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Spring)		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
MATH	1000-level Math	2
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
ECED1231	Developmentally Appropriate Environments and Experiences for Young Children	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood	3
Semester total		14
Third Semester (Fall)		
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy	3
ECED1020	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester (Spring)		
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED2215	Supporting Infant and Toddler Development	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

Early Childhood Development - Diploma

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ECED1102*	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1103*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 1)	3
ECED1104*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 2)	3
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Fall or Spring)		
ENGL	Diploma English	2
MATH	Diploma Math	2
SOCS	Social Science	3
Elective	Technical Electives (see advisor)	9
Semester total		16
Total Required Credits		32

Early Childhood Education - AAS (SPRING start even years)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Spring)		
ECED1102*	Orientation to Childcare Licensing	1
ECED1103*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 1)	3
ECED1104*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 2)	3
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood	3
ECED1231	Developmentally Appropriate Environments and Experiences for Young Children	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester (Fall)		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy	3
ECED1020	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child	3
Semester total		15
Third Semester (Spring)		
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education	3
ECED2215	Supporting Infant & Toddler Development	3
MATH	1000-level Math	2
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Semester total		14
Fourth Semester (Fall)		
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Liberal Arts and Science Elective	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
Elective	Technical Elective (see advisor)	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

*Advanced placement for practitioners who have 2 years of licensed early childhood experience

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Early Childhood and Early Elementary Support/Tutor - AAS

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester		
ECED1103*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 1)	3
ECED1104*	Early Childhood Field Experience (part 2)	3
ECED1110	Instructional Competencies for Paraprofessionals	1
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development (F/Sp)	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood (F)	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child (F)	3
Semester total		16
Second Semester		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
MATH	1000-level math	2
SOCS1205	Sociology of the Family	3
ECED1230	Children with Difficult Behaviors	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood (Sp)	3
Semester total		14
Third Semester		
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy (F)	3
ECED1020	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition (F)	3
ECED2105	Building Numeracy Skills for Young Learners	3
ECED2535	Tutoring Striving Young Readers	3
PSYC1115	Lifespan Psychology	3
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester		
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
HUMA1430	[Recommend: Exploring World Cultures]	3
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education (Sp)	3
PSYC2522	Positive Psychology	3
ECED2550	Multisensory Strategies for Young Learners	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway - AS

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication (recommend College Writing I)	3
COMM	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication (recommend College Speech)	3
ECED1150	Child Growth and Development (F/Sp)	3
ECED1136	Interpersonal Relationships and Diversity in Early Childhood (F)	3
ECED1132	Behavior and Emotional-Social Development of the Young Child (F)	3
Semester total		15
Second Semester		
ENGL	Goal 1: Written and Oral Communication	3
MATH	College Level (recommend College Algebra)	3
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
ECED1231	Developmentally Appropriate Environments and Experiences for Young Children (Sp)	3
ECED1475	History and Professions in Early Childhood (Sp)	3
Semester total		15
Third Semester		
ECED2350	Foundations of Language and Literacy (F)	3
ECED1020	Child, Health, Safety, and Nutrition (F)	3
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
SOCS/PSYC	Goal 5: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester		
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
HUMA	Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts	3
ECED2440	Intro to Early Childhood Special Education (Sp)	3
BIOL/CHEM	Goal 3 Science (recommend Environmental Science/Biology)	3
BIOL/CHEM	Goal 3 Science (recommend Environmental Chemistry)	3
Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60