



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## Itasca Community College - Bemidji State University

The AS degree in Early Childhood Education is designed to provide a strong foundation of knowledge and skills for students interested in transferring to earn a four year degree in the early childhood education field – such as an early childhood teacher, elementary teacher, or family childcare provider.

The AS degree in Early Childhood Education will be awarded for successful completion of the courses listed below. Completion of the AS degree at Itasca allows you to transfer directly into the Early Childhood program at Bemidji State University, with partial fulfillment of liberal education requirements.

The prospects for employment in early childhood are excellent. According to a report by the Blandin Foundation, Itasca County was found to be short on quality childcare for working parents. The Blandin Foundation has been involved in supporting the Child Development Certificate and the AS degree program in early childhood education to fulfill these needs. The children in these settings will benefit from caregivers who understand child development and are specialists in early childhood education. \* Note: Courses numbered below 1000 and courses with a “D” grade or lower do NOT transfer.

The following minimum requirements must be completed:

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| 1. 60 credits                          | 4. A minimum of 30 general education credits                             |
| 2. Specific program requirement        | 5. A minimum of 20 credits must be completed at Itasca Community College |
| 3. Grade point average of 2.00 minimum |                                                                          |

### FIRST YEAR

<u>Fall</u>				<u>Spring</u>			
Engl	1101	Expository Writ	4	Engl	1113/1105	Research Writ/Tech Writing	3
MCS	1101	Intro to Ind Stud	3	Psyc	1205	Relat & Manag	3
		OR Similar Gen Ed		Psyc	1206	Prnt & Pro Rel	3
Psyc	1202	Chld Dev & Lrng	3	Soc	1101	Intro to Soc	3
Psyc	1207	Chld Hlth/Nut/Saf	3	OR General Education			
			13	Spch	Any Speech course		3
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### SECOND YEAR

<u>Fall</u>				<u>Spring</u>			
Biol	1101	Human Biology	4	*Educ	3100	Intro to Found (Gen 2199 @ ICC)	3
Hum	1201	Humanities OR Gen Ed	3	*Psyc	xxxx	Young Children w/Special Needs	3
Psyc	1101	General Psych	3	*Educ	3670	Intro to Found of Early Chld ED	3
Psyc	2130	Inf/Todl Dev / Lab	3			Gen Ed	3
Soc	2140	Soc/FamDynam	3	Psyc	2202	Preschool Intnshp	4
			16				16

\*NOTE: Educ 3100 – Introduction to Foundations, and Educ 3670-Introduction to Foundation of Early Childhood Education are BSU classes offered on the Itasca campus.

Students at ICC can also earn a one year, 15 credit Child Development Certificate through courses offered two evenings a week. With the completion of the one year certificate program, a resource file, and an additional 480 hours of experience in an early childhood program, students can receive their National CDA certification.

\*Gen Ed Suggestions: Contemporary Math (3) Health & Drug Ed (3) Computer (3)  
Group Process (3) Art & Design (3)

**Students not pursuing an Associate degree at Itasca will not be eligible for federal or state financial aid.**

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