



# 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 Associate (CDA) 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.

The following minimum requirements must be completed:

1. 64 credits
2. Specific program requirement
3. Grade point average of 2.00 minimum
4. A minimum of 30 general education credits
5. A minimum of 20 credits must be completed at Itasca Community College

### FIRST YEAR

<u>Fall</u>				<u>Spring</u>			
CSci	1120	Intro to Com Sci	3	Engl	1113	Research Writ	3
Engl	1101	Expository Writ	4	Psyc	1106	Practicum	1-2
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	
			16	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 at ICC)	3
Hum	1201	Humanities <b>OR</b> Gen Ed	3	*Educ	3110	Education Psych	3
Psyc	1101	General Psych	3	*Educ	3670	Intro to Found of Early Chld ED	3
Psyc	2130	Inf/Todl Dev / Lab	3	Math	1101	Contemp Math	3
Soc	2140	Soc/FamDynam	3	Psyc	2202	Preschool Intnshp	4
			16				4
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\*NOTE: Educ 3100 – Introduction to Foundations, Educ 3110 – Educational Psychology, 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 Associate (CDA) 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.

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