



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Itasca Community College

Degree: Associate of Science

Length: 60 semester credits

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 Mayville 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.

Students at ICC can also earn a one year, 16 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.

<u>Fall Semester</u>				<u>Spring Semester</u>			
Engl	1101	Composition I	4	Engl	1113	Composition II	3
Eced	1202	Child Development & Learning	3	Eced	1205	Relations & Management	3
Soc	1101	Intro to Sociology	3	Eced	1206	Parent & Professional Relations	3
Gen Ed		*See list below	4	Gen Ed		*See list below	4
CSci	1000	Beginning Computing	1	Gen Ed		*See list below	3
			<u>15</u>				<u>16</u>
<u>Fall Semester</u>				<u>Spring Semester</u>			
Spch	1105	Fund. of Public Speaking	3	Eced	2202	Early Childhood Internship**	4
Eced	2130	Infant & Toddler Development	4	Educ	2100	Intro to Foundations of Education	3
Psyc	1101	General Psychology	3	Eced	2132	Special Needs in Early Child	3
PE	1201	Wellness	2	Educ	2670	Foundations of Early Child Education	3
Gen Ed		*See list below	3	Hlth	2101	Basic Life Support & First Aid	1
			<u>15</u>				<u>14</u>

** This internship requires 192 hours in a licensed Rule 3 Preschool setting and taken the final semester before graduation.

* **Recommended General Education Courses for students pursuing a BA Degree in Early Childhood Education from Mayville State University.**

MnTC Goal 3 – Choose a 4 credit Biology Lab Science

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MnTC Goal 4 – Choose Math 1111

MnTC Goal 6 – Choose any 3 credit course