

## EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**Delivery:** Daytime, Evening and Online Classes  
**Start:** Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time  
**Location:** Rosemount Campus

*\*All of the following outcomes require a clear MN Criminal Background Study.*

### Outcomes

Early Childhood & Youth Development A.S. Degree . . . . .60 cr.  
Early Childhood & Youth Development A.A.S. Degree. . . . .60 cr.  
Child Life Assistant A.A.S. Degree . . . . .60 cr.  
Early Childhood & Youth Development Diploma . . . . .33 cr.  
Early Childhood & Youth Development Certificate. . . . . 18 cr.

### Major Description

There are a wide variety of career opportunities in the field of Early Childhood & Youth Development. These professions are projected to increase.

**Early Childhood & Youth Development A.S./A.A.S. Degree:** This program prepares students for employment in a variety of early childhood and youth settings. Courses meet Minnesota Department of Human Services educational requirements for assistant teachers and teachers in a child care setting. Students learn about child development, guidance, professional relationships, nutrition, health and safety, cultural sensitivity and techniques for promoting learning in young children. This program is available in the classroom and most courses are also available online.

**Child Life Assistant A.A.S. Degree:** This program delivers knowledge and skills necessary for working with children in hospital settings or with health care needs. Child life assistants are part of the team responsible for supporting children and families through health care experiences and helping them effectively cope by using developmental play and normalized activities in their environment. This program is available in the classroom and most courses are also available online.

**Early Childhood & Youth Development Diploma:** This program prepares individuals who would like to work in a child care center or preschool as a lead teacher or in a family child care program. This program is available in the classroom and many courses are also available online.

**Early Childhood & Youth Development Certificate:** This program prepares individuals for work in a child care center or preschool as an assistant teacher or in a family child care program. This program is available in the classroom and online.

### Work Environment

Early Childhood & Youth Development professionals work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children/youth, and children with differing abilities in homes, schools, and community centers/agencies. Other career options include child advocacy and social service. Child Life Assistants may work in clinical and non-clinical settings with young children or youth who have special health needs.

### Potential Job Titles

- Preschool Teacher
- Child Care Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Nanny
- School District Paraprofessional
- Child Life Assistant
- Head Start Teacher
- Home Visitor
- Program Director

### Salary Data

#### Preschool Teacher

- Average Wage: \$16.43/hour
- Top Earners: \$20.72/hour

#### Child Care Teacher

- Average Wage: \$11.36/hour
- Top Earners: \$13.41/hour

#### Child Life Assistant

- Average Wage: \$23.01/hour
- Top Earners: \$28.09/hour

#### Program Director

- Average Wage: \$23.01/hour
- Top Earners: \$28.09/hour

#### Paraprofessional

- Average Wage: \$15.95/hour
- Top Earners: \$18.65/hour

**EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – A.S. DEGREE**

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*This degree is designed for students wishing to transfer to a four-year institution to obtain an advanced degree.*

**First Year - Fall Semester**

ECYD1100	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers	3
ECYD1210	Child Growth and Development	3
ECYD1220	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ENGL1150	Composition I	3
	General Education Elective**	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**First Year - Spring Semester**

ECYD1230	Guiding Children’s Behaviors	3
ECYD1240	Learning Environment and Curriculum	3
	General Education (MnTC Goal 4)	3
	General Education Electives**	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**First Year - Summer Session**

	General Education Electives**	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

**Second Year - Fall Semester**

ECYD1325	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD1340	Curriculum Planning	3
ECYD2320	Children with Differing Abilities	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
	General Education (MnTC Goal 3)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Second Year - Spring Semester**

ECYD1510	Practicum I	3
ECYD2600	Organizational Leadership and Management	3
	General Education Elective (MnTC Goal 5)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60**

\*\* Select General Education electives from any MnTC goal area.

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**First Year - Fall Semester**

ECYD1100	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers	3
ECYD1210	Child Growth and Development	3
ECYD1220	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ENGL1150	Composition I	3
	General Education Elective**	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**First Year - Spring Semester**

ECYD1230	Guiding Children’s Behaviors	3
ECYD1240	Learning Environment and Curriculum	3
	Technical Electives*	3
	General Education (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	3
	General Education Elective**	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**First Year - Summer Session**

ECYD1510	Practicum I	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**Second Year - Fall Semester**

ECYD1325	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD1340	Curriculum Planning	3
ECYD2320	Children with Differing Abilities	3
	Technical Electives*	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communications	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Second Year - Spring Semester**

ECYD1310	Infant and Toddler Caregiving	2
ECYD1410	Infant and Toddler Field Experience	1
ECYD2510	Practicum II	3
ECYD2570	Working with Diverse Families and Children	3
ECYD2600	Organizational Leadership and Management	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60**

\* Select Technical electives from the following subject areas: ECYD

\*\* Select General Education electives from any MnTC goal area.



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## CHILD LIFE ASSISTANT - A.A.S. DEGREE

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### First Year - Fall Semester

ECYD1100	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers	3
ECYD1210	Child Growth and Development	3
ECYD1220	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ENGL1150	Composition I	3
SOCY1010	Marriage and Family	3

**Total Credits 15**

### First Year - Spring Semester

ECYD1230	Guiding Children's Behaviors	3
ECYD1240	Learning Environment and Curriculum	3
HEAL1502	Medical Terminology	2
ADMS1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
BIOL1310	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	4

**Total Credits 15**

### First Year - Summer Session

PSYC1300	Child/Adolescent Psychology	3
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**Total Credits 3**

### Second Year - Fall Semester

ECYD1325	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD2320	Children with Differing Abilities	3
ECYD2501	Experiential Learning	1
PHIL1350	Medical Ethics	3
PSYC1450	Death and Dying	2

**Total Credits 12**

### Second Year - Spring Semester

ECYD2600	Organizational Leadership & Management	3
ECYD2713	Culture, Family and Providers	1
ECYD2715	Sign Language in Early Childhood	1
ECYD2950	Field Experience	3
MATS	(1300, 1350 or 1251)	4
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication	3

**Total Credits 15**

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - DIPLOMA

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### First Year - Fall Semester

ECYD1100	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers	3
ECYD1210	Child Growth and Development	3
ECYD1220	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
ENGL1150	Composition I	3

**Total Credits 12**

### First Year - Spring Semester

ECYD1230	Guiding Children's Behaviors	3
ECYD1240	Learning Environment and Curriculum	3
SPEE1020	Interpersonal Communication	3

**Total Credits 12**

### First Year - Summer Session

ECYD1510	Practicum I	3
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**Total Credits 3**

### Second Year - Fall Semester

ECYD1325	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD1340	Curriculum Planning	3
	Technical Electives*	3

**Total Credits 9**

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 33**

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - CERTIFICATE

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### First Year - Fall Semester

ECYD1100	Introduction to Early Childhood Careers	3
ECYD1210	Child Growth and Development	3
ECYD1220	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### First Year - Spring Semester

ECYD1230	Guiding Children's Behaviors	3
ECYD1240	Learning Environment and Curriculum	3
ECYD2560	Language and Literacy Development (or ECYD1310 AND ECYD1410)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 18**



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