

HEALTH & EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Delivery: Daytime and fully online, some courses require off campus field experience hours

Start: Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time

AWARDS

- Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree . . . 60 cr.
- Child & Family Studies A.S. Degree 60 cr.
- Early Childhood & Youth Development A.A.S. Degree 60 cr.
- Early Childhood & Youth Development Diploma 33 cr.
- Early Childhood & Youth Development Certificate. 18 cr.

**Participation in any of the above awards require a clear MN Criminal Background Study.*

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 Education Transfer Pathway A.S. Degree: This program is designed to prepare students for transfer to an early childhood teacher licensure program. Students learn about child development, guidance, professional relationships, nutrition, health & safety, cultural sensitivity, and techniques for promoting learning in young children. This program is available online and most courses are also available in the classroom. Courses meet Minnesota Department of Human Services educational requirements for teachers in a child care setting.

Child and Family Studies A.S. Degree: This program delivers a broad scope of knowledge and skills necessary for working with, or on behalf of, children and families in a variety of non-teaching career fields such as human service agencies and services, home visiting, coaching, early childhood management, and child life. Students learn about child development, guidance, professional relationships, nutrition, health & safety, cultural sensitivity, and techniques for supporting children and families in a variety of settings, including therapeutic sites. This program is available online and most courses are also available in the classroom. This degree is designed for students wishing to transfer to a four-year institution to obtain an advanced degree. Courses meet Minnesota Department of Human Services educational requirements for teachers in a child care setting.

Early Childhood and Youth Development A.A.S. Degree: This program prepares students for employment in a variety of early childhood and youth settings. Students learn about child development, guidance, professional relationships, nutrition, health & safety, cultural sensitivity, and techniques for promoting learning in young children. In addition to studies in early childhood, students in this program can choose technical electives to support understanding of business and entrepreneurship practices making this degree an excellent match for students considering owning or directing a childcare or other early childhood program. This program is available online and most courses are also available in the classroom. Courses meet Minnesota

Department of Human Services educational requirements for teachers in a child care setting.

Early Childhood and 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.

Early Childhood and Youth Development Certificate: This program prepares individuals for work in a child care center or preschool as a teacher or in a family child care program.

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
- Social Service Agency Specialist
- School District Paraprofessional
- Child Life Assistant
- Head Start Teacher
- Home Visitor
- Program Director

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Wage: \$15.35/hour
- Top Earners: \$17.87/hour

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for more program information and specific program costs. This program has additional costs for a MN Criminal Background Study.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TRANSFER PATHWAY

A.S. DEGREE

This is a suggested sample course sequence.

Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.

The Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway A.S. offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The entire curriculum has been specifically designed so students completing this pathway degree can transfer to one of the Minnesota State universities listed below. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

TRANSFER PATHWAYS

With this Transfer Pathway, you will be able to transfer to the following designated baccalaureate degree majors:

Metropolitan State University

Urban Early Childhood Education – B.S.

Southwest Minnesota State university

Early Childhood Education – B.S.

St. Cloud State University

Early Childhood Education – B.S.

Winona State University

Early Childhood Education (birth to grade 3) – B.T.

First Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3
ECYD1215	Child Growth and Development.....	3
ECYD1225	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition.....	3
COMS1020	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
ENGL1150	Composition I.....	3

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD1235	Guiding Young Children	3
ECYD1250	Learning and Creativity in Early Childhood.....	3
ECYD1570	Child and Family Relations in a Diverse World.....	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3)	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 4)	3

Second Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1335	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD2340	Children with Differing Abilities	3
	General Electives (any MnTC Goal 1-10) **.....	9

Second Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD1520	Practicum I	3
ECYD2550	Language and Literacy Development.....	3
	General Electives (any MnTC Goal 1-10) **.....	9

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

*** It is recommended to complete MnTC Goal 1 by choosing one of the following courses as one of your MnTC electives: COMS1015, ENGL1200, ENGL2000, ENGL1300*

Speak with ECYD program advisor for recommended electives.

Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or better for all required ECYD courses and ECYD technical electives.

CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES A.S. DEGREE

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First Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.	3
ECYD1215	Child Growth and Development.	3
ECYD1225	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition.	3
COMS1020	Interpersonal Communication.	3
ENGL1150	Composition I.	3

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD1235	Guiding Young Children	3
ECYD1570	Child and Family Relations in a Diverse World.	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3)	3
	General Elective (any MnTC Goal 1-10)	3
	Technical Elective (any ECYD)	3

Second Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1335	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD2340	Children with Differing Abilities	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 4)	3
	General Electives (any MnTC Goal 1-10)	6

Second Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD2610	Leadership in Early Childhood Organizations	3
ECYD2960	Field Experience	3
	General Electives (any MnTC Goal 1-10)	9

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

*Speak with ECYD program advisor for recommended electives.
Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or better for all required ECYD courses and ECYD technical electives.*

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

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First Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.	3
ECYD1215	Child Growth and Development.	3
ECYD1225	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition.	3
COMS1020	Interpersonal Communication.	3
ENGL1150	Composition I.	3

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD1235	Guiding Young Children	3
ECYD1250	Learning and Creativity in Early Childhood.	3
ECYD1570	Child and Family Relations in a Diverse World.	3
	Technical Elective (any ECYD or BUSN)	6

Second Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1335	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD2340	Children with Differing Abilities	3
	General Elective (any MnTC Goal 1-10)	3
	General Education Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	3
	Technical Elective (any ECYD or BUSN)	3

Second Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD2550	Language and Literacy Development.	3
ECYD1520	Practicum I or	
ECYD2960	Field Experience	3
	General Elective (any MnTC Goal 1-10)	3
	Technical Electives (any ECYD or BUSN)	6

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

*Speak with ECYD program advisor for recommended electives.
Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or better for all required ECYD courses and ECYD technical electives.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA

*This is a suggested sample course sequence.
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First Year - Fall Semester 15 cr

ECYD1110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.	3
ECYD1215	Child Growth and Development.	3
ECYD1225	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition.	3
ECYD1335	Observation and Assessment	3
ECYD2340	Children with Differing Abilities	3

First Year - Spring Semester 15 cr

ECYD1235	Guiding Young Children	3
ECYD1250	Learning and Creativity in Early Childhood.	3
ECYD1570	Child and Family Relations in a Diverse World.	3
	Technical Elective (any ECYD)	6

First Year - Summer Session 3 cr

ECYD1520	Practicum I	3
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TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 33

Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or better for all required ECYD courses and ECYD technical electives.

EARLY CHILDHOOD & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

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First Year - Fall Semester 9 cr

ECYD1110	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.	3
ECYD1215	Child Growth & Development	3
ECYD1225	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition.	3

First Year - Spring Semester 9 cr

ECYD1235	Guiding Young Children	3
ECYD1250	Learning and Creativity in Early Childhood	3
ECYD1570	Child and Family Relations in a Diverse World.	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 18

Students must earn a grade of 'C-' or better for all required ECYD courses.



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