

Early Childhood Education

Lincoln Campus and Online

Associate of Applied Science Degree, Diploma, Certificate

Types of jobs available:

- Preschool teacher
- Infant and toddler caregiver
- Before/after school activity coordinator
- Professional nanny
- Paraprofessional in public/private elementary schools
- Child care administrator
- Family support worker
- Corporate/public/private child care provider
- Family child care home provider
- Home Visitor
- Family Advocate
- Early Childhood Program owner/operator

Program graduates are working in various early care and education positions throughout Nebraska and in other states. Graduates can continue their education at four-year colleges and universities. See also our Arts & Sciences Division (Academic Transfer program) with an early childhood education focus.

Program overview

This program is located on the Lincoln Campus and online. Students can enter every quarter, be a full- or part-time student and select from day, evening and online classes. Students may earn a Certificate in In-Home Care, (Professional Nanny/Child Care Home Provider) or a Certificate in Home Visitor/Family Advocate, a Diploma in Child Care Professional (early care and education in a group setting) or an Associate of Applied Science degree that includes teaching and administration or an Entrepreneurship focus.

ECED Online

The ECED online courses are designed to provide both theory and practical application of course content. Students are required to observe, implement and record their interactions with children in a variety of early childhood settings. Assignments with a requirement of interaction with children will be submitted through various formats within the online classroom. Practicum field experience will be coordinated with the ECED Practicum Coordinator to assure a meaningful experience in an approved setting.

Special Program Requirement:

1. A criminal background check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the outcome of the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A nonrefundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC.
2. In addition to the criminal background check, each student will receive a child and adult abuse registry check by the State Department of Health and Human Services. Clearance through this check is required in order to

take certain courses, access certain laboratory experiences, or complete the program.

3. First Aid/CPR certification is required prior to taking ECED2065 Head Teacher
4. A grade of C or higher is required for all ECED classes.

For more information contact:

Program Chair

402-437-2455, 800-642-4075 ext. 2455

or the College Admissions Office

Lincoln 402-437-2600, 800-642-4075 ext. 2600

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:

Certificate:

- In-Home Child Care 37.5
- Home Visitor/Family Advocate 42.0

Diploma:

- Child Care Professional 83.5

Associate of Applied Science Degree:

- Early Childhood Education 119.5
- Entrepreneurship Focus 120.0

Certificate–In-Home Child Care:

This certificate provides relevant curriculum for an in-home setting. Those preparing to be a professional nanny or work in a family childcare setting receive current information on curriculum and methods of implementation for children birth to age eight.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS
ECED1110	Infant and Toddler Development	4.5
ECED1120	Preschool Child Development	3.0
ECED1230	School Age Child Development	3.0
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment & Guidance	4.5
ECED1220	Pre-Practicum	1.5
ECED1260	Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition	4.5
ECED1270	Integrated Curriculum; ages 3-8	6.0
ECED1475	Professional In-Home Care	4.5
ECED1560	Comprehensive Family Child Care Practicum	1.5
	OR	
ECED1570	Comprehensive Professional Nanny Practicum	1.5
		33.0 hours

General Education Requirements: Certificate

Contact your program advisor to select general education course/s from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See page 16 for complete list.

(One class from one of the four following areas)

- Oral Communications
- Written Communications
- Mathematics
- Social Science

4.5 hours

Certificate–Home-Visitor/Family Advocate:

This certificate is designed to enhance the preparation, ongoing professional development, and effectiveness of early education program staff who work with families and/or who provide services to children and families through home visitation.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS
ECED1020	Home Visitor/Family Advocate Portfolio	.5
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment and Guidance	4.5
ECED1110	Infant and Toddler Development	4.5
ECED1120	Preschool Child Development	3.0
ECED1130	Social/Emotional Development and Behavior Guidance	4.5
ECED2050	Children with Exceptionalities	4.5
ECED2070	Family and Community Relationships	4.5
ECED1550	Home Visit Practicum	2.0
HMRS1102	Counseling Theories & Techniques	4.5
HMRS1320	Multicultural Competency	4.5
PSYC1250	Interpersonal Relations (Gen. Ed. Req.)	4.5
ECED2810	ECED Home Visitation Seminar	.5
		42.0 hours

ECED Required Core Courses:

(for Diploma and Associate of Applied Science degree)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS
ECED1010	Introduction to Professional Portfolio Development	.5
ECED1050	Expressive Arts	4.5
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment and Guidance	4.5
ECED1110	Infant and Toddler Development	4.5
ECED1120	Preschool Child Development	3.0
ECED1150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4.5
ECED1160	Early Language & Literature	4.5
ECED1220	Pre-Practicum Seminar	1.5
ECED1221	Infant and Toddler Practicum	3.0
ECED1224	Preschool Math, Science and Social Studies Curriculum	3.0
ECED1230	School Age Child Development	3.0
ECED1240	Preschool/School Age Practicum	3.0
ECED1260	Early Childhood Health, Safety and Nutrition	4.5
ECED2050	Children with Exceptionalities	4.5
ECED2070	Family & Community Relations	4.5
ECED2800	Early Childhood Graduation Seminar	3.0
		56.0 hours

Diploma–Child Care Professional Focus:

The diploma is designed for those interested in working in a support role directly with young children birth to age eight. The courses are designed to prepare students in understanding child development, appropriate curriculum and methods for supporting children’s learning and development.

(ECED Required Core Courses	56.0 hours)
ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	4.5
ECED1340 How Children Learn	3.0
ECED2065 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum or	
ECED2901 Child Care Head Teacher Cooperative Experience	8.0
Elective Credit*	3.0
	18.5 hours

General Education Requirements: Diploma

Contact your program advisor to select general education course/s from each category which will meet your program’s graduation requirements. See page 16 for complete list.

(One class from each area below)

Oral Communications	4.5
Written Communications	4.5
	9.0 hours

A.A.S. Early Childhood Education:

The A.A.S. is a vocational degree with a focus on teaching and administration in an early childhood setting. Those working toward this degree study child development birth to age eight, curriculum development and implementation, as well as program administration and leadership.

(ECED Required Core Courses	56.0 hours)
ECED1130 Social/Emotional Development and Behavior Guidance	4.5
ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	4.5
ECED1340 How Children Learn	3.0
ECED2450 ECED Administration	4.5
ECED2065 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum	8.0
ECED2510 ECED Administration Practicum	2.0
ECED2900 Internship or	
ECED2902 Cooperative Experience	7.0
General Education Requirements*	22.5
Elective Credit*	7.5
	119.5 hours

A.A.S. ECED Entrepreneurship Focus:

This focus is specifically designed for those interested in owning and/or operating their own early childhood education program. In addition to studying child development, curriculum and methods of supporting children’s learning, course studies include specific instruction on preparing for and implementing an effective business plan.

(ECED Required Core Courses	56.0 hours)
ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	4.5
ECED2066 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum (E-focus)	5.0
ECED2457 ECED Administration for the Entrepreneur	4.5
ECED2570 ECED Administration for the Entrepreneur Practicum or	
ECED2903 Child Care Head Teacher Co-op Experience	5.0
ENTR1050 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	4.5
ENTR2040 Entrepreneurship Feasibility Study	4.5
ENTR2050 Marketing for the Entrepreneur	4.5
ENTR2070 Entrepreneurship Financial Topics	4.5
ENTR2090 Entrepreneurship Business Plan	4.5
General Education Requirements*	22.5
	120.0 hours

General Education Requirements: A.A.S.

Contact your program advisor to select general education course/s from each category which will meet your program’s graduation requirements. See page 16 for complete list.

(One class from each area below)

Oral Communications	4.5
Written Communications	4.5
(Plus three classes from the five areas below; no two classes from the same area).	
Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Humanities, and/or Computer Technology	13.5
	22.5 hours

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE HOURS*

*Students will have to complete additional elective credit hours. Any ECED course not required for specialization Diploma or A.A.S. degree OR any elective approved at the discretion of the academic advisor. See ECED listings for possible elective options.

