Working with children can be extremely rewarding and satisfying. You can make a meaningful impact on the future through your work with young children. SCC's Early Childhood Education program provides you with the skills necessary to make it happen. Graduates work in child care centers, preschools, in-home care settings or as para-educators in elementary school settings.

Program Overview:
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 Child Care (Professional Nanny/Child Care Home Provider) or 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.

The program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. 1313 L St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-232-8777, 800-424-2460, www.naeyc.org

Early Childhood Education Online
The 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 that require interaction with children will be submitted through various formats within the online classroom. Practicum field experience will be coordinated with the Practicum Coordinator to assure a meaningful experience in an approved setting.

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Graduate Earnings
Recent graduates report an average starting wage of $10.55 per hour.
General Education Requirements: A.A.S.
Contact your program advisor to select general education courses from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See the General Education pages online for a complete list. (One class from each area below).

GELO #1: Oral Communications 4.5
GELO #2: Written Communications 4.5
GELO #3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving 4.5
GELO #4: Global Awareness and Citizenship 4.5
GELO #5: Analytical, Quantitative, and Scientific Reasoning 4.5
GELO #6: Career and Life Skills 22.5 hours

ECED Required Core Courses:
(for Diploma and Associate of Applied Science degree)
Course # Course title Credit hrs
ECED1010 Introduction to Professional Portfolio Development 1.0
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
ECED1224 Preschool Math, Science and Social Studies Curriculum 4.5
ECED1230 School Age Child Development and Programming 3.0
ECED1610 Infant Practicum 1.5
ECED1620 Toddler Practicum 1.5
ECED1630 Preschool Practicum 1.5
ECED1640 School Age Practicum 1.5
ECED2050 Children with Exceptionalities 4.5
ECED2070 Family & Community Relations 4.5
ECED2800 Early Childhood Graduation Seminar 2.5
53.0 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 53.0 hours)

ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning 4.5
ECED2450 ECED Administration 4.5
*ECED2065 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum 4.5
*ECED2490 Internship or Cooperative Experience 4.0
General Education Requirements* 22.5
*Electives 7.5
106.0 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 53.0 hours)
ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning 4.5
*ECED2065 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum (E-focus) or
*ECED2490 Child Care Head Teacher Co-op Experience 3.0
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
112.0 hours

Diploma–Child Care Professional:
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.

General Education Requirements: Diploma
Contact your program advisor to select general education courses from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See the General Education pages online for a complete list.

(ECED Required Core Courses 53.0 hours)
ECED2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning 4.5
*ECED2065 Child Care Head Teacher Practicum or
*ECED2490 Child Care Head Teacher Cooperative Experience 3.0
*Electives 3.0
15.5 hours

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. (One class from one of the following areas)

GELO #1: Oral Communications 4.5
GELO #2: Written Communications 4.5
GELO #3: Analytical, Quantitative, and Scientific Reasoning 4.5
GELO #6: Career and Life Skills 1.5

Course # Course title Credit hrs
ECED1110 Infant and Toddler Development 4.5
ECED1120 Preschool Child Development 3.0
ECED1610 Observation, Assessment & Guidance 4.5
ECED1220 Pre-Practicum 1.5
ECED2060 Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition 4.5
GEO: 9.0 hours
GEO: 2.5
28.5 hours

Electives
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.

ECED1112 Applied Infant/Toddler Concepts is a prerequisite for ECED2091 Child Care Head Teacher Cooperative Experience and ECED2902 Cooperative Experience if completed in an infant or toddler setting.

ECED1475 Professional In-Home Care is a prerequisite for ECED2900 Internship and ECED2902 Cooperative Experience and ECED2901/2903 Child Care Head Teacher Cooperative Experience (and E-Focus), if completed in an in home childcare or nanny setting.

Special Program Requirements:
1. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in this program. A Social Security number or state identification may be required to complete the CBC. Based on the outcome of the background check, students 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 CBC, 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 courses.

Estimated Expenses
Nebraska Resident tuition/fee rate is $69.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition/fee rate is $83.50 per credit hour. Graduation fee is $25.
Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken each quarter.
Students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.

In-Home Child Care Certificate
(average 12 credits per quarter for three quarters)
Tuition and Fees $2,294
Books 1,250
Tools/Supplies 175
Special Fees ($45 Crim. Background & $8 Insurance) 1,258
Total Estimate $3,772
(average total = $1,258 per quarter)

Child Care Professional Diploma
(average of 15 credits each quarter for six quarters)
Tuition and Fees $5,386
Books 2,800
Tools/Supplies 350
Special Fees ($45 Crim. Background & $18 Insurance) 1,258
Total Estimate $8,599
(average total = $1,434 per quarter)

Associate of Applied Science Degree
(average 15 credits per quarter for eight quarters)
Tuition and Fees $7,784
Books 2,900
Tools/Supplies 425
Special Fees ($45 Crim. Background & $25 Insurance) 1,258
Total Estimate $11,179
(average total = $1,398 per quarter)