



**Associate of Applied Science Degree  
Diploma  
Certificate**

**Credit Hours Required for Graduation:**

Certificate: Early Childhood Education ..... 16.0

Diploma: Early Childhood Education ..... 32.0

**Associate of Applied Science Degree:**

Early Childhood Education ..... 73.0



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*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.*

## Why SCC?

The Early Childhood Education Program has a long-standing reputation for producing educated, qualified early childhood educators to work with children aged birth to age eight. It is through hands-on classroom learning and a variety of practicum and field experiences that thoroughly prepare students for work with young children.

The program holds accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children which enables SCC to stand out and ensures students that they are receiving a high-quality education.



*The hands-on training that I received from the ECED program at SCC was second to none and really did a great job at preparing me for this career! I've been working as an early childhood professional for more than 15 years now, first working with toddlers, then teaching preschool and now working as the director of a child care program in Lincoln. In my role as a director, I look forward to hosting practicum students from SCC and get excited when I see a resume come through for an applicant that has graduated from the ECED program at SCC, because I know how well prepared they are for this profession and how successful they will be!*



*-Julia Garrison, Child Care Director  
Trinity Child Care at Village Gardens*



## Top Career Options

- Preschool teacher
- Infant and toddler caregiver
- Before/after school activity coordinator
- Professional nanny



## Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$11.65 per hour.

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](http://www.naeyc.org)



2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour  
Nebraska Resident \$108  
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate \$129

### Estimated Expenses

Tuition/Fees	\$ 7884
Books	2900
Special Fees	70
Tools/Supplies	425
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,279</b>



## Program overview

This program is located on the Lincoln Campus and online.

Practicum and field experience will be face-to-face in-person and coordinated with the ECED Practicum Coordinator to assure a meaningful experience in an approved setting.

Students can enter every semester, be a full- or part-time student and select from day, evening and online classes.

Students may earn a Certificate in Early Childhood Education (with focus in Infant/Toddler Care or Preschool Care or In-Home Care) or a Diploma in Early Childhood Education (early care and education in a group setting) or an Associate of Applied Science degree that includes teaching and administration.

## 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.

## Special Program Requirement

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 criminal background check. 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.

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.

First Aid/CPR certification is required prior to taking ECED2065 Head Teacher

A grade of C or higher is required for all ECED courses.



## 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 for a complete list.

(One class from each area below)

GELO #1: Oral Communications	3.0
GELO #2: Written Communications	3.0

(Plus three classes from the five areas below; no two classes from the same area)

GELO #3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	15.0 hours
GELO #4: Global Awareness and Citizenship	
GELO #5: Analytical, Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning	
GELO #6: Career and Life Skills	

### 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

(Associate of Applied Science degree)

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
ECED1050	Expressive Arts	3.0
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment and Guidance	3.0
ECED1110	Infant and Toddler Development	3.0
ECED1120	Preschool Child Development	2.0
ECED1150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECED1160	Early Language & Literature	3.0
ECED1220	Pre-Practicum Seminar	1.0
ECED1224	Preschool Math, Science and Social Studies Curriculum	3.0
ECED1230	School Age Child Development and Programming	2.0
ECED1260	EC Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
ECED1610	Infant Practicum	1.0
ECED1620	Toddler Practicum	1.0
ECED1630	Preschool Practicum	1.0
ECED1640	School Age Practicum	1.0
ECED2050	Children with Exceptionalities	3.0
ECED2060	Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning	3.0
*ECED2065	Child Care Head Teacher Practicum	5.0
ECED2450	ECED Administration	3.0
ECED2070	Family & Community Relations	3.0
ECED2800	Early Childhood Graduation Seminar	2.0
ECED2900	Internship or	
*ECED2902	Cooperative Experience	4.0
	General Education Requirements*	15.0
	*Electives	5.0
		73 hours

## Diploma–Early Childhood Education

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 for a complete list.

(One class from each area below)

GELO #1: Oral Communications	9.0 hours
GELO #2: Written Communications	

## ECED Required Core Courses

ECED1050	Expressive Arts	3.0
ECED1060	Observation Assessment & Guidance	3.0
ECED1110	Infant Toddler Development or	3.0
ECED1120	Preschool Child Development	2.0
ECED1150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECED1220	Pre Practicum Seminar	1.0
ECED1224	Preschool Math, Science and Social Studies	3.0

ECED1260	EC Health, Safety and Nutrition	3.0
ECED1610/1620/1630	Infant Practicum OR Toddler Practicum OR Preschool Practicum	

17.0 or 18.0 hours

## Certificate–Early Childhood Education

This certificate provides relevant curriculum for work in an infant, toddler, preschool or in-home care 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.

## General Education Requirements Certificate

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 for a complete list.

(One class from one of the five following areas) 3.0 hours

GELO #1: Oral Communications	3.0 hours
GELO #2: Written Communications	
GELO #3: Critical Thinking & Problem Solving	
GELO #4: Global Awareness and Citizenship	
GELO #5: Analytical, Quantitative, and Scientific Reasoning	
GELO #6: Career and Life Skills	

### Infant/Toddler Option 17.0 credit hours

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment & Guidance	3.0
ECED1110	Infant and Toddler Development	3.0
ECED1150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECED1220	Pre-Practicum	1.0
ECED1610 or 1620	Infant Practicum or Toddler Practicum	1.0

Select one of the following courses:

ECED1160	Early Language & Literacy OR	3.0
ECED1260	Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition OR	3.0
ECED2070	Family & Community Relationship	3.0

### Preschool Option 16.0 credit hours

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment & Guidance	3.0
ECED1120	Preschool Development	2.0
ECED1150	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3.0
ECED1220	Pre Practicum Seminar	1.0
ECED1630	Preschool Practicum	1.0

Select one of the following courses:

ECED1160	Early Language & Literacy	3.0
ECED1260	EC Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
ECED2070	Family & Community Relationships	3.0

### In Home Care Provider Option 16.0 credit hours

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
ECED1060	Observation, Assessment & Guidance	3.0
ECED1120	Preschool Development	2.0
ECED1220	Pre Practicum Seminar	1.0
ECED1475	Professional In-Home Care	3.0
ECED1560	Comprehensive Family Child Care Practicum OR	1.0
ECED1570	Comprehensive Professional Nanny Practicum	1.0

Select one of the following courses:

ECED1160	Early Language & Literacy	3.0
ECED1260	EC Health, Safety & Nutrition	3.0
ECED2070	Family & Community Relationships	3.0

## \* 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 ECED2901 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.