Caring for and educating young children is rewarding. Gain hands-on learning and quality field experiences in our program, one of only two in Nebraska accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Child care is an ongoing community need in cities large and small. If you complete our program, you will hold the necessary qualifications to work with children from birth to age 8, and do so professionally and appropriately.

**SCC is the Right Choice**

- Receive hands-on classroom learning and a variety of practicum and more than 300 hours of field experiences will thoroughly prepare you for work with young children.
- Graduates work in child care centers, preschools, in-home care settings or as para-educators in elementary school settings.
- Our program offers flexibility to help you meet your goals! The program can be completed in person, fully online, or with a combination of in person and online classes.
- You'll complete four age-specific practicum experiences (infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary-age children, each 45 clock hours)
- Our program offers a 135-hour student teaching experience, which is unique to the SCC program (this practicum is taken at the end or near the end of the program)
- Complete 15 field work hours in an inclusive early-childhood setting (SCC uses Lincoln Public Schools' preschool classrooms that serve children with special needs or have identified special needs) so you can experience the early-childhood special education component
- Complete 10 community service hours in an agency that serves children/families (connected to ECED2070)
- Choose either a cooperative experience (paid work experience in the field) or an internship (non-paid experience) that is completed during the final term within the program

**More about the program**

Our program has highly qualified faculty who have all taught either in public schools, worked in child care or served in administrative roles in the field of early childhood. Our staff has strength in theory of early childhood and in practice (planning, implementing) curriculum. We are very active in our early childhood community locally, within our state and on the national level. Students have the opportunity to become involved in our SCC Early Childhood Student Group that enhances their leadership skills and helps them begin to recognize themselves as part of a professional community.

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**Top Career Options**

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

**Graduate Earnings**

Recent graduates report an average starting salary of $25,792 per year.

**2020-2021 Resident Estimated Expenses**

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