



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Diploma
Certificate

LINCOLN CAMPUS AND ONLINE

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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 at-home daycares, centers and preschools. SCC has its own childcare center on the Lincoln Campus.

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



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 that require 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.



Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$10.55 per hour.

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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 and Programming	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 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 one of the four following areas)

Oral Communications	
Written Communications	
Mathematics	
Social Science	4.5 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	3.0
ECED1230	School Age Child Development and Programming	3.0
ECED1260	Early Childhood Health, Safety and Nutrition	4.5
ECED1520	Preschool Practicum	1.5
ECED1521	Infant Practicum	1.5
ECED1522	Toddler Practicum	1.5
ECED1545	School Age Practicum	1.5
ECED2050	Children with Exceptionalities	4.5
ECED2070	Family & Community Relations	4.5
ECED2800	Early Childhood Graduation Seminar	2.5
		56.0 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.

(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
	*Electives	3.0
		18.5 hours

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.

(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
	*Electives	7.5
		119.5 hours

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, 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 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 prior to taking ECED2065 Head Teacher.
4. A grade of C or higher for all ECED courses.

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
ECED2450	ECED Administration	4.5
ECED2510	ECED Administration Practicum	2.0
ECED2570	ECED Administration for the Entrepreneur Practicum	3.0
*ECED2066	Child Care Head Teacher Practicum (E-focus) 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 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).

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

* 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.

Estimated Expenses	In-Home Child Care Certificate	Child Care Professional Diploma	Associate of Applied Science Degree
To determine overall costs, students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.	(average 12 credits per quarter for three quarters)	(average of 15 credits each quarter for six quarters)	(average 15 credits per quarter for eight quarters)
Nebraska Resident tuition rate is \$65.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$79.50 per credit hour. Student fee is \$2 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.	Tuition and Fees \$2,532	Tuition and Fees \$5,637	Tuition and Fees \$8,067
Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken.	Books 1,217	Books 2,509	Books 2,710
	Tools/Supplies 175	Tools/Supplies 350	Tools/Supplies 425
	Special Fees 53	Special Fees 63	Special Fees 70
	(\$45 Crim. Background & \$8 insurance)	(\$45 Crim. Background & \$18 insurance)	(\$45 Crim. Background & \$25 insurance)
	Total Estimate \$3,977	Total Estimate \$8,559	Total Estimate \$11,272
	(average total = \$1,326 per quarter)	(average total = \$1,427 per quarter)	(average total = \$1,409 per quarter)