

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION - DEGREE

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program | mhcc.edu/
ChildDevelopment

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The Child Development and Early Education program prepares students to work with young children and their families in a variety of settings and sets the stage for those who wish to pursue higher levels of training and education. It is a broad-based foundation of theory and practice intended to support both those who have a definite career goal and those who are seeking information about potential options. Many of the courses are also well-suited for parents and paraprofessional support staff.

As an open entry program, we welcome students of diverse backgrounds and ages. All students must demonstrate the necessary emotional stability and maturity, the cognitive skills and abilities, and the physical stamina and responsiveness needed by professionals in this field. Students with challenges in any area should consult the program adviser for individual planning.

With or without accommodation, students must fulfill all program competencies and expectations, including those of our practicum courses in classroom with young children. The number of practicum (co-op) placement sites is limited and students may only enroll in these courses with program faculty permission.

Graduates are prepared to be employed in a variety of capacities such as working with children in childcare, preschool or primary grades and supporting parents and family members at home and in formal settings.

Coursework and practicum experiences emphasize the understanding and application of typical child growth and development theories, guidance skills, supporting high quality interactions and activities for young children, and fostering positive growth and development in all young children.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Promote learning environments designed to optimize children’s development in all domains
- Develop positive relationships with families and community
- Provide a rationale for effective observation, documentation and assessment of children’s development
- Support Developmentally Appropriate Practices and all relevant guidelines
- Use content knowledge and inquiry tools to analyze meaningful curriculum
- Demonstrate an exemplary work ethic and uphold the standards of the profession

Students with a non-credit credential, such as the Child Development Associate (CDA) or Step 7 on the Oregon Registry, may apply for up to 12 transcribed credits at MHCC. See the program adviser for more information. Students must successfully complete first-year classes/

certificate coursework prior to admission to second-year classes. Program advisers will determine individual eligibility.

Course	Title	Credits
First Quarter		
Fall		
ECE125	The Early Childhood Professional	3
ECE140	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE158	Play as Curriculum	3
ECE170	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
WR121	English Composition ★	4
Credits		16
Second Quarter		
Winter		
ECE144	Early Childhood Observation Techniques	2
ECE145	Techniques of Positive Guidance	3
ECE147	Infant/Toddler Caregiving	3
ECE166	Seminar - Beginning	1
WE280CDC1	Co-op Education - Beginning - Early Childhood Education 1	3
Select one of the following:		4-6
MTH058	Quantitative Reasoning I	
MTH065	Beginning Algebra II ★ (or higher)	
Credits		16-18
Third Quarter		
Spring		
ECE135	Math Concepts in Early Childhood	3
ECE136	Connecting with Children	3
ECE161	Child Development: Ages and Stages	3
ECE171	Families and Diversity	3
ECE173	Exploring Art	3
Health and Physical Education requirement (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/aas/#health)		3
Credits		18
Fourth Quarter		
Fall		
ECE243	Emerging Literacy	3
ECE244	Observation for Assessment	2
ECE248	Special Needs and Inclusion	2
ECE258	Developmentally Appropriate Practices	3
WE280CDC1A	Co-op Education - Intermediate - Early Childhood Education	3
ECE285	Seminar - Intermediate	1
Credits		14
Fifth Quarter		
Winter		
ECE236	Social/Emotional Development	3
ECE260	Values and Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE261	Child Development Principles	3
ECE272	Interpersonal Skills	3
Credits		12

Sixth Quarter

Spring

ECE235	Teaching Preschool Math	3
ECE245	Guidance Challenges	3
ECE246	Home/School Relations	2
ECE286	Seminar - Advanced	1
WE280CDC2	Internship	3
Human Relations requirement (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/aas/#human)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		91-93

★ Course offered online

🌐 Cultural Literacy course