



Pine Technical &  
Community College

# Early Childhood Development

## Associate of Science

The AS degree in Early Childhood Development will prepare students to organize and lead activities and provide nurturing care for children in early childhood programs such as child care centers, family child care, preschool/nursery schools, elementary classrooms, and before- and after-school programs. AS degree graduates will understand and know how to promote and communicate knowledge of child development; create healthy, respectful and challenging learning environments; create and maintain respectful, and supportive relationships with families; and design and implement developmentally and culturally appropriate activities and curriculum.

The program focuses on developing an understanding of young children and their needs. Class instruction provides students with practical knowledge about the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and creative principles critical in working with young children. Graduates of this program can seamlessly transfer to bachelor's degrees in early childhood education, special education, and elementary education at several Minnesota State universities.

## Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 2 Years

### Fall Semester 1

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| CDEV 1210 Child Growth and Development .....  | 3         |
| *CDEV 1222 Health, Safety and Nutrition ..... | 3         |
| CDEV 1230 Positive Child Guidance .....       | 3         |
| ENGL 1276 College Composition .....           | 4         |
| MnTC Goal Area 3 or 4 .....                   | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> .....                    | <b>16</b> |

### Spring Semester 1

|   |           |
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| *CDEV 1200 Introduction to Early Childhood Education .... | 3         |
| CDEV 1340 Learning Environment & Curriculum .....         | 4         |
| CDEV 1252 Observation and Assessment.....                 | 3         |
| CDEV 2620 Children with Differing Abilities .....         | 3         |
| SOCI 1220 Marriage, Family & Relationships .....          | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> .....                                | <b>16</b> |

### Fall Semester 2

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| CDEV 2640 Curriculum Planning ..... | 3         |
| CDEV 2510 Practicum I .....         | 3         |
| MnTC Goal Areas 6-10.....           | 8         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> .....          | <b>14</b> |

### Spring Semester 2

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| CDEV 2610 Organizational Leadership and Management .. | 2         |
| COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication.....          | 3         |
| MnTC Goal Areas 6-10.....                             | 9         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> .....                            | <b>14</b> |
| <b>TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS</b> .....                     | <b>60</b> |

**Early Childhood Development AS Earned!**

\*Check with our Transfer Specialist to determine if any knowledge or skills learned outside of the classroom may qualify for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) college credit.

## Transfer Information

The AS degree in Early Childhood Development is designed for the student who wishes to transfer to a university to pursue a bachelor's degree in a specialized area. The AS degree program combines a solid foundation of core courses in ECD along with a well-paired foundation of general education courses that are commonly required for many baccalaureate degree programs.

After completing the AS degree, many graduates choose to pursue an online bachelor's degree from our partner universities. See your program advisor for more information.

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