



Pine Technical &
Community College

Early Childhood Development

- Associate of Applied Science
- Diploma • Certificate

The Early Childhood Development programs, including the certificate, diploma, and AAS degree, is designed to prepare students as child development professionals for a variety of settings.

The courses are designed for the student who plans to enter the job force immediately. The program focuses on developing an understanding of young children and their needs, and provides students with practical knowledge about the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and creative principles that are critical in working with young children. Coursework covers child development, family dynamics, teaching strategies, and dealing with children with special needs. Courses meet the standards required by the Minnesota Department of Human Services for childcare workers.

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
CDEV 1240 Working with Diverse Families & Children.....	3
ENGL 1276 College Composition	4
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester 1

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
Total Credits	16

Early Childhood Development Certificate Earned!

Fall Semester 2

CDEV 2640 Curriculum Planning	3
CDEV 2510 Practicum I	3
PSYC 1210 General Psychology.....	4
CDEV Technical Elective (online).....	3
MnTC Goal Area 6-10	1
Total Credits	14

Early Childhood Development Diploma Earned!

Spring Semester 2

CDEV 2530 Children with Challenging Behaviors	3
CDEV 2610 Organizational Leadership & Management	2
CDEV 2810 Practicum II	3
COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication.....	3
MnTC Goal Area 3 or 4	3
Total Credits	14

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS 60

Early Childhood Development AAS Earned!

Career Outlook

One of the fastest-growing industries in the U.S. is the child care field. Children's participation rates in early childhood programs continue to increase, but a lack of quality early childhood caregivers and programs are a growing concern. The quality of children's care significantly contributes to children's school readiness, and an educated staff is the link between quality programs and positive outcomes for children and families. The increasing need for educated care providers can lead to a rewarding and challenging career in preschools, child care centers, Head Start centers, church-related programs, child development centers, and campus or recreational centers.

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