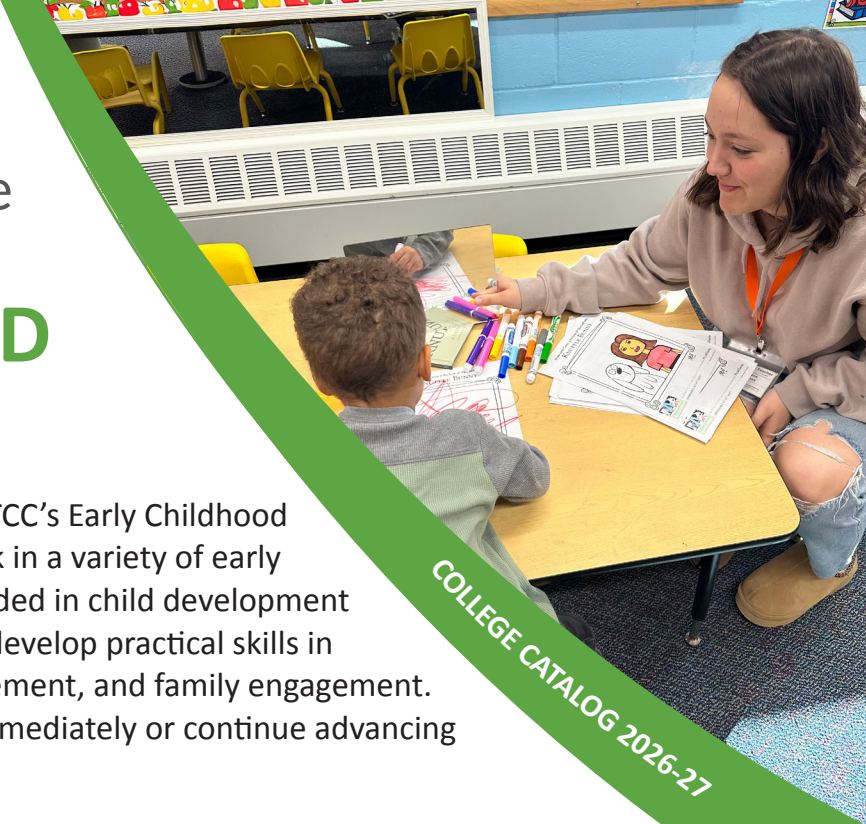




Pine Technical & Community College

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Shape the future by supporting young learners. PTCC's Early Childhood Education AAS program prepares students to work in a variety of early learning environments through coursework grounded in child development and evidence-based teaching practices. Students develop practical skills in curriculum design, assessment, classroom management, and family engagement. Graduates are prepared to enter the workforce immediately or continue advancing their education.



COLLEGE CATALOG 2026-27



9 Credits
Earns a Certificate



19 Credits
Earns a Certificate



31 Credits
Earns a Diploma



60 Credits
Earns an AAS



\$222 per Credit
on Average



18:1 Student/Instructor
Ratio on Average

Program Delivery Mode: Online Plus

Early Childhood Education Teaching Assistant Certificate (9 credits)

Technical Education Courses

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|---|----------|
| EDUC 1200 Introduction to Early Childhood | 3 |
| EDUC 1222 Health Wellness and Nutrition | 3 |
| EDUC 1230 Behavior Guidance | 3 |
| Total Credits | 9 |

Early Childhood Education Certificate (10 additional credits)

General Education Courses

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ENGL 1276 College Composition | 4 |
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Technical Education Courses

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|---|-----------|
| EDUC 1210 Child Growth and Development | 3 |
| EDUC 1340 Creative Activities and Environment | 3 |
| Total Credits | 19 |

Early Childhood Education Diploma (12 additional credits)

General Education Courses

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|---|---|
| COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication | 3 |
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Technical Education Courses

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| EDUC 1252 Observation and Assessment | 3 |
| EDUC 2640 Curriculum Planning | 3 |

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| EDUC 2510 Practicum 1 | 3 |
| Total Credits | 31 |

Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science (29 additional credits)

General Education Courses

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|---|---|
| SOCI 1220 Marriage Family and Relations | 3 |
| General Education Elective | |
| MnTC Goal Areas 5-10 | 5 |
| General Education Elective | |
| MnTC Goal Areas 3 or 4 | 3 |

Technical Education Courses

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|---|-----------|
| EDUC 1240 Diverse Children and Family Relations | 3 |
| EDUC 2270 Infant & Toddler Development | 3 |
| EDUC 2530 Children with Challenging Behavior | 3 |
| EDUC 2620 Introduction to Special Education | 3 |
| EDUC 2610 Leadership for Educators | 3 |
| EDUC 2700 Introduction to Language and Literacy | 3 |
| Total Credits | 60 |

Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 2 Years

First Fall

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|--|-----------|
| EDUC 1200 Introduction to Early Childhood Education..... | 3 |
| EDUC 1222 Health, Wellness and Nutrition | 3 |
| EDUC 1230 Behavior Guidance | 3 |
| EDUC 1210 Child Growth and Development | 3 |
| EDUC 1340 Creative Activities and Environment | 3 |
| Total Credits | 15 |

Early Childhood Education Teaching Assistant Certificate Earned!

First Spring

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|--|-----------|
| EDUC 1240 Diverse Children and Family Relations..... | 3 |
| EDUC 1252 Observation and Assessment | 3 |
| EDUC 2620 Introduction to Special Education | 3 |
| SOCI 1220 Marriage, Family & Relationships | 3 |
| MnTC Goal Area 3 or 4 | 3 |
| Total Credits | 15 |

Early Childhood Education Certificate Earned!
Early Childhood Education Diploma Earned!

Second Fall

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|---|-----------|
| EDUC 2270 Infant and Toddler Development..... | 3 |
| EDUC 2510 Practicum I..... | 3 |
| EDUC 2640 Curriculum Planning | 3 |
| COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication..... | 3 |
| ENGL 1276 College Composition | 4 |
| Total Credits | 16 |

Second Spring

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| EDUC 2530 Children with Challenging Behaviors..... | 3 |
| EDUC 2610 Leadership for Educators | 3 |
| EDUC 2700 Introduction to Language and Literacy..... | 3 |
| MnTC Goal Area 5-10 | 5 |
| Total Credits | 14 |

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS 60
Early Childhood Education AAS Earned!

Career Outlook

Possible Job Titles

- Preschool Teacher
- Early Childhood Educator
- Childcare Center Teacher



11.8%

MN Projected
Growth % (2022-2032)



\$39,200

MN Median Annual
Wage (\$) (approx.)

*Data from ONET & MN DEED

Get the Credit You Deserve!

What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

PTCC awards college credit for knowledge gained outside the classroom, including work and life experience.

You may qualify through:

- Job skills/work experience
- Employer training
- Military education
- Industry certifications
- Volunteer service
- Self-study
- High school articulated credit
- Standardized exams

Getting Started is Easy:

- Visit mycpl.minnstate.edu to view eligible courses and requirements.
- Contact records@pine.edu for guidance on options, assessments, and any applicable fees.

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- Take a campus tour
- Learn about scholarships
- Meet the admissions team
- Tour housing and The REC

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