Pine Technical & Community College

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TRANSFER PATHWAY

COLLEGE CATALOG 2026-27

Prepare for a career in teaching with a seamless transfer pathway. The Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education builds strong foundations in child development, instructional design, and inclusive learning practices. Designed for transfer, this program allows students to continue toward bachelor's degrees in early childhood, special education, or elementary education. Graduates are well-prepared for advanced study and future licensure pathways.

9 Credits
Earns a Certificate

19 Credits
Earns a Certificate

60 Credits
Earns an AS

$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

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

ENGL 1276 College Composition 4

Technical Education Courses

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

Early Childhood Education Associate of Science

(41 additional credits)

General Education Courses

COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication.....3
SOCI 1220 Marriage Family and Relationships 3
General Education Elective
MnTC Goal Area 3 Natural Science.....4
General Education Elective
MnTC Goal Area 4 (MATH) 3
General Education Elective
MnTC Goal Area 5 History/Social and Behavioral Sciences.....3
General Education Elective
MnTC Goal Areas 6-10 (one course in Goal 6 or 8) 10

Technical Education Courses

EDUC 1240 Diverse Children and Family Relations.....3
EDUC 1252 Observation and Assessment 3
EDUC 2510 Practicum I.....3
EDUC 2620 Introduction to Special Education 3
EDUC 2700 Introduction to Language and Literacy.....3
Total Credits 60

Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 2 Years

First Fall

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

EDUC 1240 Diverse Children and Family Relations.....3
EDUC 1252 Observation and Assessment 3
ENGL 1276 College Composition 4
SOCI 1220 Marriage, Family & Relationships 3
MnTC Goal Area 5.....3
Total Credits **16**

Early Childhood Education Certificate Earned!

Second Fall

COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication.....3
MnTC Goal Area 3.....4
MnTC Goal Area 4.....3
MnTC Goal Area 6-10 (one course Goal Area 6 or 8) 4
Total Credits **14**

Second Spring

EDUC 2510 Practicum I.....3
EDUC 2620 Introduction to Special Education 3
EDUC 2700 Introduction to Language and Literacy.....3
MnTC Goal Area 6-10 (one course Goal Area 6 or 8) 6
Total Credits **15**

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS **60**

Early Childhood Education AS 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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- Learn about scholarships
- Meet the admissions team
- Tour housing and The REC

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