

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (AAS)

Catalog Effective Term: Fall 2024

Program Code: APCD

Credential: Associate in Applied Science
High Demand Occupation

The Child Development Associate Degree program prepares students to be childhood education professionals. The coursework and practica prepare students to work effectively with young children and families in a variety of settings. The program satisfies Michigan state requirements for licensing as directors of child care centers, lead teachers in child care centers, home-based center providers, and support staff in public school early childhood programs and Head Start agencies. It also prepares students to transfer into a bachelor's degree program.

Articulation

Eastern Michigan University, BS degree

Copies can be obtained from the Counseling Office, a program advisor, or from the Curriculum and Assessment Office Web site: <http://www.wccnet.edu/learn/transfer-wcc-credits/articulation-agreements.php>.

Program Admission Requirements

Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6 are required in the courses of this program.

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

Students who wish to enroll in child care practicum courses: ECD 132 Child Development Practicum I or ECD 133 Child Development Practicum II must be employed a minimum of 8 hours for 15 weeks for each credit of practicum. Permission is required to enroll in any ECD practicum course. Permission can be granted only after the student has submitted a Work Place Learning Agreement, Student Agreement and an Employer Agreement.

Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 60

Full-Time Students

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ECD 101	Child Development	3
ECD 122	Essentials of Early Care and Education - I	4
ECD 132	Child Development Practicum I	1
ENG 111	Composition I	4
Any MTA Nat. Sci. Elective(s)		3
Credits		15
Second Semester		
ECD 123	Essentials of Early Care and Education - II	4
ECD 133	Child Development Practicum II	1
ECD 180	Working with Families in a Diverse Society	3
Select one of the following:		3
COM 101	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 200	Family Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
MTH 148	Functional Math for Elementary Teachers I	

Any MTA Math Elective		
Credits		14
Third Semester		
ECD 200	Positive Child Guidance	3
ECD 205 or ECD 225	Administration of Child Care Programs or Infant-Toddler: Critical Competencies for Working with Young Children	3
ECD 210	Curriculum for Young Children	3
ECD 230	Child Observation and Assessment	3
SOC 207	Social Problems	3
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		
ECD 220	Development and Care of Infants and Toddlers	3
ECD 240	Education of the Young Child with Exceptionalities	3
ECD 280	The Developing Professional in Early Childhood Education	2
ECD 281 or ECD 282	Practicum for the Developing ECE Professional or Developing Professional: Child Development Practicum	1
ENG 240 or ENG 242	Children's Literature or Diverse Children's Literature	3
Open Elective(s) to reach a minimum of 60 total credits.		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		60

Part-Time Students

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ECD 101	Child Development	3
ECD 122	Essentials of Early Care and Education - I	4
ECD 132	Child Development Practicum I	1
Credits		8
Second Semester		
ECD 123	Essentials of Early Care and Education - II	4
ECD 133	Child Development Practicum II	1
ENG 111	Composition I	4
Credits		9
Third Semester		
Select one of the following:		3
COM 101	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 200	Family Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
MTH 148	Functional Math for Elementary Teachers I	
Any MTA Math Elective		
Any MTA Nat. Sci. Elective(s)		3
Credits		9
Fourth Semester		
ECD 200	Positive Child Guidance	3

ECD 210	Curriculum for Young Children	3
Credits		6
Fifth Semester		
ECD 220	Development and Care of Infants and Toddlers	3
ECD 240	Education of the Young Child with Exceptionalities	3
Credits		6
Sixth Semester		
ENG 240 or ENG 242	Children's Literature or Diverse Children's Literature	3
SOC 207	Social Problems	3
Credits		6
Seventh Semester		
ECD 230	Child Observation and Assessment	3
ECD 280	The Developing Professional in Early Childhood Education	2
ECD 281 or ECD 282	Practicum for the Developing ECE Professional or Developing Professional: Child Development Practicum	1
Credits		6
Eighth Semester		
ECD 180	Working with Families in a Diverse Society	3
ECD 205 or ECD 225	Administration of Child Care Programs or Infant-Toddler: Critical Competencies for Working with Young Children	3
Credits		6
Ninth Semester		
Open Elective(s) to reach a minimum of 60 total credits.		4
Credits		4
Total Credits		60