

2023-24 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CHILD DEVELOPMENT (APCD)

Description

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: <https://www.wccnet.edu/learn/transfer-wcc-credits/articulation-agreements.php> .

Admissions Requirements

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

Continuing Eligibility

Students who wish to enroll in child care practicum courses: ECD 132 or ECD 133 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.

Course Requirements

First Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
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
Elective	Nat. Sci. Elective(s)	3
Total		15

Second Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
ECD 123	Essentials of Early Care and Education - II	4
ECD 133	Child Development Practicum II	1
ECD 210	Curriculum for Young Children	3
Elective	Soc. Sci. Elective(s)*	3
COM 101 or	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102 or	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 200	Family Communication	3
Total		14

Third Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
ECD 180	Working with Families in a Diverse Society	3
ECD 200	Child Guidance and Classroom Management	3
ECD 220	Development and Care of Infants and Toddlers	3
ECD 230	Child Observation and Assessment	3
MTH 148 or	Functional Math for Elementary Teachers I	
	Any MTA MTH class	4
Total		16

Fourth Semester

Class	Title	Minimum Credits
ECD 240	Education of the Young Child with Exceptionalities	3
ECD 280	The Developing Professional in Early Childhood Education	2
ECD 281	Practicum for the Developing ECE Professional	1
Elective	Select one course: ECD 205 or ECD 225	3
ENG 240 or	Children's Literature	
ENG 242	Diverse Children's Literature	3
Elective	Select any course to reach a minimum of 60 credits.	3
Total		15

Total Credits Required: 60

Footnotes

*Students are encouraged to select PSY 100 or SOC 100 for their social science elective.

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