

Early Childhood Development



Human Services

Career Pathways

The Monroe County Community College program in early childhood development is committed to the training and professional development of students dedicated to the care and education of young children. Through experiential learning, students plan and implement activities appropriate to the developing child, from birth through age eight. Students also demonstrate knowledge in creating and administering a safe, healthy environment which uses developmentally appropriate curriculum practices. A primary goal of this program is to develop attitudes and values in students that are indicative of caring, competent and committed early childhood professionals. It provides a theoretical base in the growth and development of young children and early childhood curricula and activities. The externship experiences with young children facilitate the development of skills needed to implement a curriculum that fosters the motor, cognitive, social and emotional development of the child.

The early childhood development associate of applied science degree program prepares the student to work in a variety of early childhood settings. The associate degree program prepares individuals for staff placement in:

- Child care centers
- Family daycare
- Head Start centers
- Nursery schools
- Public schools' Latchkey programs
- Other programs involved in the care and guidance of children and their families.

Graduates of the associate degree program meet the educational requirements for child care center program directors as specified by the State of Michigan Child Day Care Center Licensing Regulations.

Credits

Required Core Courses

32

Fall Semester (First Year)

ECDV 105 (Child Growth and Development)	3
ECDV 150 (Nutrition, Health & Safety for Early Childhood Education).....	3

Winter Semester (First Year)

ECDV 106 (Observing & Recording Child Behavior)	3
† ECDV 107 (Programs for Young Children - Birth to Age 5).....	5
HPE 151 (First Aid and Safety)	2

Fall Semester (Second Year)

ECDV 207 (Methods & Materials for Early Childhood Education).....	5
PSYCH 156 (The Exceptional Person)	3

Winter Semester (Second Year)

ECDV 210 (Administration of Child Care Programs)	3
ECDV 218 (Early Childhood Development Externship)	5

Elective Courses

1

(If needed to complete required total credit hours)

Suggested Elective Courses

ENGL 102 (Business Writing)	3
ENGL 152 (English Composition II)	3
PSYCH 254 (Life Span Psychology).....	3
SOC 152 (Marriage and the Family)	3
SPCH 151 (Communication Fundamentals)	3
SWK 106 (Child Welfare)	3
SWK 151 (Introduction to Social Services).....	3

Total Degree Requirements

60

† Tech Prep course. See page 14.

¹† BSMTH 101 (Business Mathematics), †MATH 121 (Technical Mathematics) or MATH 150 (Beginning A87).

² See science alternatives listed on page 38.

³ See computer skills alternatives listed on page 38.

Credits

Required General Education Courses

27

ENGL 101 (Written & Oral Communication) or ENGL 151 (English Composition I)	3
¹ MATH	3
POLSC 151 (Introduction to Political Science)	3
PSYCH 151 (General Psychology).....	3
PSYCH 251 (Child Psychology)	3
² Science Elective	4
³ Computer Skills Elective	2
Two of the following courses.....	6
ART 158 (Art for Elementary Teachers - 3 credit hours)	
ENGL 256 (Children's Literature - 3 credit hours)	
MUSIC 165 (Music for Classroom Teachers - 3 credit hours)	

Certificate Program: Early Childhood Development

The early childhood development certificate program is designed for students who will work with and teach young children. Students may use this curriculum to meet state licensing requirements to provide child care in homes, centers and other facilities or for positions as assistant teachers in child care programs. A minimum of 30 credit hours is required for the early childhood development certificate. Courses for the certificate can be applied toward the associate degree.

ECDV 105 (Child Growth and Development)	3
ECDV 106 (Observing & Recording Child Behavior)	3
† ECDV 107 (Programs for Young Children - Birth to Age 5)	5
ECDV 150 (Nutrition, Health & Safety for Early Childhood Education)	3
ECDV 207 (Methods & Materials for Early Childhood Education)	5
HPE 151 (First Aid and Safety)	2
PSYCH 156 (The Exceptional Person)	3
PSYCH 251 (Child Psychology)	3
One of the following courses	3
ART 158 (Art for Elementary Teachers)	
ENGL 256 (Children's Literature)	
MUSIC 165 (Music for Classroom Teachers)	

Total Certificate Requirements **30**

† Tech Prep course. See page 14.

Child Development Associate

Students may pursue formal child care education toward the child development associate credential by completing a program of training, experience and assessment outlined by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. It is the council's goal to credential qualified caregivers who work with children ages birth to five nationwide.

The training consists of 120 clock hours of instruction addressing the competency goals in the functional areas identified by the council. At Monroe County Community College, this training can be obtained by completing two courses: ECDV 102 and ECVD 103. ECDV 102 – CDA Training Part 1 demonstrates how to plan a safe, healthy learning environment, advance children's physical and intellectual development, provide positive ways to support children's social and emotional development and establish productive relationships with families. ECDV 103 – CDA Training Part 2 demonstrates how to manage an effective program operation, maintain a commitment to professionalism, observe and record children's behavior and apply principles of child growth and development.

Once the candidate has documented 120 hours of formal training and 480 hours of experience working with children of the appropriate age within the past five years – as well as developed a Document of Competence – the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition evaluates the candidate's materials and makes the final decision on whether to award the credential. Monroe County Community College cannot award the CDA credential.

Students who have completed the CDA training may also apply for training in the two-year associate degree program (60 credit hours). For students who possess the CDA credential, the ECDV 107 and ECDV 218 course requirements for the associate degree will be waived.