



**Science/Mathematics Division**

**2021-2022**

The early childhood education associate of applied science degree program prepares students to provide high-quality care and education of young children from birth through age 8. The mission of the Early Childhood Education Program at Monroe County Community College is to prepare students for employment in the early childhood education field and for articulation to advanced degree programs in early childhood education. This is accomplished through the provision of classroom learning and practical application in field experiences. These experiences will be provided in multiple settings across varied age ranges and diversity of children and families.

**Career Opportunities**

The program prepares individuals for staff placement in:

- Child care centers
- Family child care
- Head Start programs
- Great Start Readiness Program preschools
- Preschools
- Public school latchkey programs
- Other programs involved in the care and guidance of children and their families

**Note: The following codes identify courses that satisfy MCCC's General Education Requirements:**

- (C1) GE Natural Sciences Competency
- (C2) GE Mathematics Competency
- (C3) GE Writing Competency
- (C4) GE Computer Literacy Competency
- (C5) GE Human Experience Competency
- (C6) GE Social Systems Competency

	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Required General Education Courses</b>	<b>19-20</b>
C1 Natural Science Competency . . . . .	4
C2 MATH 126 (Mathematics for Business) or MATH 151 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher or competency . . . . .	3 or 4
C3 ENGL 151 (English Composition I) . . . . .	3
C4 Computer Literacy Competency . . . . .	3
C5 ENGL 256 (Children's Literature) . . . . .	3
C6 PSYCH 151 (General Psychology) . . . . .	3

See the General Education Requirements on the MCCC website for a list of courses that satisfy the General Education Learning Competencies.

**Required Courses**

**Core Courses\* 40**

**Fall Semester (First Year)**

ECE 100 (Foundations of Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 102 (Child Growth and Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 104 (Nutrition, Health and Safety for Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3

**Winter Semester (First Year)**

ECE 106 (Observation and Assessment of Child Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 108 (The Care and Learning of Infants and Toddlers) . . . . .	4
ECE 110 (Diverse Populations in Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3

**Fall Semester (Second Year)**

ECE 200 (The Care and Learning of Preschool Children) . . . . .	4
ECE 202 (The Care and Learning of School-Age Children) . . . . .	4

**Winter Semester (Second Year)**

ECE 206 (Early Childhood Education Practicum) . . . . .	5
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\* Students must achieve a grade of C or higher in all ECE courses to proceed in the program.

**Additional Required Courses**

EDUC 158 (Art for Elementary Teachers) or EDUC 165 (Music for Classroom Teachers) . . . . .	3
HPE 151 (First Aid and Safety) . . . . .	2
PSYCH 251 (Child Psychology) . . . . .	3

**Additional General Electives**

**Credits**

(If needed to complete required total credit hours)

**Suggested Elective Courses**

ECE 204 (Administration of a Child Care Program) . . . . .	3
EDUC 151 (Exploring Teaching) . . . . .	3
ENGL 102 (Business Writing) . . . . .	3
ENGL 152 (English Composition II) . . . . .	3
PSYCH 254 (Life Span Psychology) . . . . .	3
SOC 152 (Marriage and Family) . . . . .	3
SPCH 151 (Communication Fundamentals) . . . . .	3
SWK 106 (Child Welfare) . . . . .	3
SWK 151 (Introduction to Social Services) . . . . .	3

**Total Degree Requirements**

**60 credits**

**Total Degree Cost**

**65 minimum billable  
contact hours**

## Certificate Program: Early Childhood Education

The early childhood education 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 32 credit hours is required for the early childhood education certificate. Courses for the certificate can be applied toward the associate degree.

<b>Required Courses*</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ECE 100 (Foundations of Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 102 (Child Growth and Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 104 (Nutrition, Health and Safety for Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 106 (Observation and Assessment of Child Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 108 (The Care and Learning of Infants and Toddlers) . . . . .	4
ECE 110 (Diverse Populations in Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 200 (The Care and Learning of Preschool Children) . . . . .	4
ECE 202 (The Care and Learning of School-Age Children) . . . . .	4
HPE 151 (First Aid and Safety) . . . . .	2

\* Students must achieve a C or higher in all ECE courses to complete the certificate program.

<b>One of the following courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>3</b>	
EDUC 158 (Art for Elementary Teachers) . . . . .	3
EDUC 165 (Music for Classroom Teachers) . . . . .	3
ENGL 256 (Children's Literature) . . . . .	3

**Total Certificate Requirements 32 credits**  
**Total Certificate Cost 32 minimum billable contact hours**



## GDA Credential

The Child Development Associate (CDA) is a national credential earned by individuals working with young children from birth to five years of age in child care settings. The CDA credential is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work to becoming qualified teachers of young children. The candidate must document 120 clock-hours of formal training through course work, 480 clock-hours of current experience working with young children, and complete documentation as required by the Council for Professional Recognition. MCCC courses provide the training required for the CDA and may be applied toward the associate degree or certificate programs. Please note that MCCC does not award the CDA credential. See the Council for Professional Recognition website for more information ([www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org)).

	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Infant/Toddler CDA Credential coursework:</b>	
ECE 102 (Child Growth and Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 104 (Nutrition, Health and Safety for Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 108 (The Care and Learning of Infants and Toddlers) . . . . .	4
<b>Preschool CDA Credential coursework:</b>	
ECE 102 (Child Growth and Development) . . . . .	3
ECE 104 (Nutrition, Health and Safety for Early Childhood Education) . . . . .	3
ECE 200 (The Care and Learning of Preschool Children) . . . . .	4

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The college's Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX and Section 504/ADA Coordinator and Compliance Officer for discrimination and sexual harassment is the Director of Human Resources, Monroe County Community College, 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, Michigan 48161, 734.384.4245.

Monroe County Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, [www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org), 800.621.7440.

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