

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
 Instruction delivered Online

This is a two year program delivered online that leads to an associate degree in early childhood education. It is for students who are interested in working with young children age birth to five and their families. Students will acquire an understanding of developmental patterns for children birth to five in such areas as cognition, emotion, social interaction, and physical growth. Students will also acquire knowledge in parent engagement and the necessary skills required to administer an early childhood program. Preparing teachers and administrators of Indian Head Start facilities nationwide is the primary focus of this program. A secondary focus is imparting an understanding of Native American culture as it applies to children in early childhood programs.

**YEAR ONE**

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>			<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>				
			<u>Credits</u>				<u>Credits</u>
CS***	Computer Science Elective CS112 Intro. to Computers CS121 Princ. of Microsoft Office	4	EC117	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for Early Childhood Content Area	3		
EN111	College Composition	4	EN112	Composition and Research	4		
ES101	Fitness & Wellness	2	NA125	History & Organization of Michigan Indian Tribes	4		
NA113	Native American Awareness	1	*****	Approved Elective	<u>3-4</u>		
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<b>TOTAL</b>			14-15	<b>TOTAL</b>			14-15

**YEAR TWO**

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>			<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>				
			<u>Credits</u>				<u>Credits</u>
EC212	Child Development	4	EC200	Social & Emotional Needs of Children	3		
EC217	Emergent Literacy	3	EC216	Curriculum Development	3		
EC218	Developing Family Partnerships	4	EC219	Inclusion of Special Needs Preschoolers in EC Programs	3		
SO213	Communication/Conflict Resolution	3	MA***	Math Elective	4		
*****	Communication Elective EN107 Public Speaking NL105 Ojibwe Language I	<u>3-4</u>	*****	MA114 Intermediate Algebra MA116 College Algebra Science Elective w/Lab	<u>4</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>			17-18	<b>TOTAL</b>			17

**Required credits for this curriculum = 62-65**

Approved Electives: EC101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
 EC107 Competencies & Best Practices in Children & Family Programs I (CDA I)  
 EC108 Competencies & Best Practices in Children & Family Programs II (CDA II)  
 EC221 Infant-Toddler Development  
 BU206 Principles of Management

Students seeking the Michigan Transfer Agreement Seal for transferability should select MA116 for the math elective, and complete a second science course with lab.