

**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 eight and their families. Students will acquire an understanding of developmental patterns for children age birth to eight 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 Assistant Teachers 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	3-4	EC117	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for		3	
EC***	Designated Elective	4		Early Childhood			
	EC101 Intro. to ECE		EN112	Content Area Comp.& Research		4	
	EC107 CDA I		NA***	Native Studies Elective		4	
EN111	College Composition	4		NA123 or NA125			
ES101	Fitness & Wellness	2	NA113	Native American Awareness		1	
*****	Approved Elective	<u>2-4</u>	*****	Approved Elective		<u>3-4</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			15-18	<b>TOTAL</b>			15-16

**YEAR TWO**

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>			<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>				
			<u>Credits</u>				<u>Credits</u>
EC212	Child Development	4	EC200	Social & Emotional Needs		3	
EC217	Emergent Literacy	3		of Children			
EC218	Developing Family Partnerships	4	EC216	Curriculum Development		3	
SO213	Communication/Conflict	3	EC219	Inclusion of Special Needs		3	
	Resolution			Preschoolers in EC Programs			
*****	Comm. Elect.: EN107 or NL105	<u>3-4</u>	MA***	Math Elective:		4	
			*****	MA113, MA114, or MA116			
				Science Elective w/Lab		<u>4</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			17-18	<b>TOTAL</b>			17

**Required credits for this curriculum = 64-69**

Approved Electives: EC101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education, 4 CR  
 EC107 Competencies & Best Practices in Children & Family Programs I (CDA I), 4 CR  
 EC108 Competencies & Best Practices in Children & Family Programs II (CDA II), 4 CR  
 ED105 First Year Experience, 2 CR  
 EC223 Infant-Toddler Development, 3 CR  
 ED201 Introduction to Education and Student Diversity, 4 CR  
 ED255 Children's Literature for Grades K through 8, 3 CR  
 BU206 Principles of Management, 3 CR

Students seeking the Michigan Transfer Agreement Seal for transferability should select MA113 or MA116 for the mathematics elective and complete a second science course.