

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

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
		<u>Credits</u>			<u>Credits</u>
CS***	Computer Science Elective	3-4	EC117	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for Early Childhood	3
EC***	Designated Elective	4			
	EC101 Intro. to ECE		EN112	Content Area Comp.& Research	4
	EC107 CDA I		NA***	Native Studies Elective	4
EN111	College Composition	4		NA123 N.A. Contributions to Society	
ES101	Fitness & Wellness	2		NA125 Hist. & Org.of MI Indian Tribes	
NA113	Native American Awareness	<u>1</u>	*****	Approved Elective	<u>3-4</u>
	TOTAL	14-15		TOTAL	14-15

YEAR TWO

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
		<u>Credits</u>			<u>Credits</u>
EC212	Child Development	4	EC200	Social & Emotional Needs of Children	3
EC217	Emergent Literacy	3			
EC218	Developing Family Partnerships	4	EC216	Curriculum Development	3
SO213	Communication/Conflict Resolution	3	EC219	Inclusion of Special Needs Preschoolers in EC Programs	3
*****	Communication Elective	<u>3-4</u>	MA***	Math Elective	4
	EN107 Public Speaking			MA113, MA114, or MA116	
	NL105 Ojibwe Language I		*****	Science Elective	<u>4</u>
	TOTAL	17-18		TOTAL	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
 ED201 Introduction to Education and Student Diversity
 BU206 Principles of Management

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