

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TRANSFER PATHWAY, A.S.

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Overview

Minnesota West's Early Childhood Education program prepares students for meaningful and rewarding careers working with children birth through age 8. The Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway (AS) offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associates of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Early Childhood Education bachelor's programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with a junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Locations

Granite Falls, Online, Worthington

**DHS Background Study is required for program/courses with field experiences.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Define basics of child development and learning.

Create environments for children that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and appropriate for each child.

Articulate characteristics of family and community relationships that support children's development and learning.

Observe, document, and assess to provide learning environments for children.

Use developmentally-appropriate approaches, strategies, and tools to positively impact each child's development and learning.

Build appropriate and meaningful curriculum to promote comprehensive development.

Demonstrate reflective practice and integrate knowledge and cooperative feedback.

Engage in field experiences to develop knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to promote development and learning in multiple settings and with various age groups.

Sample Two-Year Schedule

Below is an example course schedule for this degree. Students should meet with their program advisor regarding MnTC and elective courses.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Fall - Year 1		
EDUC 1200	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC 1265	Child Growth and Development	3
EDUC 1267	Health, Wellness, and Nutrition	3
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3
	MnTC Elective Credits	3
	Credits for Fall	15
Spring - Year 1		
EDUC 1269	Behavior Guidance	3
EDUC 1262	Creative Activities and Environment	3
ENGL 1102	Composition II	3
CMST 1101	Public Speaking	3
	MnTC Elective Credits	3
	Credits for Spring	15
Fall - Year 2		
EDUC 1230	Diverse Children & Family Relations	3

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
EDUC 2560	Introduction to Language & Literacy	3
EDUC 2900	Introduction to Special Education	3
MATH 1109	Math Skills for Elementary Education	3
	MnTC Elective Credits	3
	Credits for Fall	15
Spring - Year 2		
EDUC 1290	Observation & Assessment	3
EDUC 1510	Internship	3
	MnTC Elective Credits	9
	Credits for Spring	15
	TOTAL CREDITS	60

Suggested program electives include

EDUC 1340: Planning and Implementing

EDUC 2300: Childhood Poverty: Exploring the Issues

EDUC 2200: Infant and Toddler Development and Learning Experiences

Suggested General Education electives:

NSCI 1100: Issues in the Environment

ART 1120: Art Appreciation

MUSC 1105: Music Appreciation

HIST 1111: Early Western Civilization

ART 2240: Art History

GEOG 1100: Introduction to Geography

BIOL 1110: Principles of Biology

ENGL 2120: Children's Literature