

# PROGRAM PLANNER ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

## **Child Development**

### Certificate | 9 credits

Campus: Minnesota North – all locations

CERTIFICATE - 9 CREDITS		Credits	Hours Lec/Lab
ALHE 1100	Heartsaver First Aid with CPR and AED	1	1/0
ECED 1108	Practicum (80 hours)	2	
ECED 1202	Child Development and Learning	3	3/0
ECED 1207*	Children's Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	3/0

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION and LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Child Development certificate is designed to prepare individuals for employment in a wide variety of early childhood settings. Practitioners will learn how to provide a safe and healthy developmentally appropriate learning environment which promotes physical and intellectual competence and social and emotional growth. A focus on developing culturally appropriate and inclusive family partnerships with a commitment to professionalism will be introduced.

Graduates of the Child Development certificate will be prepared to apply to the National Council for Professional Development for the internationally recognized Child Development Associate (CDA). In addition, graduates can apply this certificate toward the requirements for the Early Childhood AS and Early Childhood/Special Education AAS degrees.

#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

- Students must submit to and pass a Minnesota Criminal Background Study prior to participation in field experience.
- \* Course requires 16 field experience hours.

#### **PROGRAM FACULTY**

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