

## Child Development

**Diploma | 31 credits**

Campus: Itasca-Grand Rapids, Mesabi Range-Virginia

DIPLOMA - 31 CREDITS		Credits	Hours Lec/Lab
ALHE 1100 <sup>1</sup>	Heartsaver First Aid with CPR and AED	1	1/0
ECED 1107	Practicum (40 hours)	1	
ECED 1108 <sup>1</sup>	Practicum (80 hours)	2	
ECED 1202 <sup>1</sup>	Child Development and Learning	3	3/0
ECED 1203*	Observation and Assessment	3	3/0
ECED 1206*	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3	3/0
ECED 1207* <sup>1</sup>	Children's Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3	3/0
ECED 1300*	Foundations of Early Childhood	3	3/0
ECED 2132*	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3	3/0
ECED 2214*	Positive Behavior and Guidance Techniques	3	3/0
ECED 2414*	Infant and Toddler Strategies	3	3/0
EDUC 1212*	Environments for Learning	3	3/0

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION and LEARNING OUTCOMES

This 31-credit diploma is designed to provide practitioners with a core foundation essential to become a highly qualified early childhood professional instructing in a variety of early years settings. Required components for the National Council for Professional Recognition CDA are embedded into the coursework and field experiences. This diploma provides critical components necessary to thrive in this high demand field.

Graduates possess a broad understanding of the foundation of early childhood, special education, diversity of learners and the role and application of observation and assessment. Fostering professional, culturally relevant partnerships with parents and team members is emphasized. In addition, graduates can apply this diploma toward the requirements in the Early Childhood AS and AAS degrees.

### PROGRAM NOTES

- \* Course requires 16 field experience hours.
- <sup>1</sup> The 9-credit Child Development certificate can be earned after successfully completing: ALHE 1100, ECED 1108, ECED 1202, and EDUC 1207.
- The Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education AAS can be earned after successfully completing the Child Development Diploma and the following courses:
 

ECED 1435 Methods Teaching Early Childhood Lit.	COMM 1215 Public Speaking (MNTC 1)
ECED 2516 Early Childhood Creative Expressions	ENGL 1231 College Composition 1 (MNTC 1)
EDUC 1220 Teaching Children with Challenging Behaviors	MATH 1200 Liberal Arts Math (MNTC 4)
EDUC 2206 Trauma Informed Teaching	PSYC 1215 General Psychology (MNTC 5 & 7)
EDUC 2415 Cognitive Dev-Children's Mental Hlth.	PSYC 1220 Lifespan Development (MNTC 5 & 7)
- Students must submit to and pass a Minnesota Criminal Background Study prior to participation in field experience.

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