

**Child Development****Certificate | 9 credits**

Campus: Minnesota North – all locations

REQUIRED COURSES		SEMESTER	CREDITS
ALHE 1100	Heartsaver First Aid with CPR and AED	Fall or Spring	1
ECED 1108	Practicum (80 hours)	Fall or Spring	2
ECED 1202	Child Development and Learning	Fall	3
ECED 1207 *	Children’s Health, Safety, and Nutrition	Spring	3
TOTAL CREDITS			9

**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 have met the training requirements 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.
- Students can earn the Child Development Diploma (31 credits) by completing the certificate plus 22 additional credits in early childhood education. See your advisor for specific course requirements.

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