

Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway
 Campus: Itasca-Grand Rapids

AS Degree | 60 credits

FIRST YEAR		
FALL SEMESTER		CREDITS
ECED 1202	Child Development and Learning	3
ECED 1300 *	Foundations of Early Childhood	3
ECED 2214 *	Positive Behavior and Guidance Techniques	3
ENGL 1231	College Composition 1 (MnTC 1)	4
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		13
SPRING SEMESTER		
ECED 1206 *	Diverse Children and Family Relations	3
ECED 1207 *	Children's Health, Safety, and Nutrition	3
COMM	Choose one of the following MnTC Goal 1 Communication Course: COMM 1210 Introduction to Communication COMM 1215 Public Speaking (recommended) COMM 1220 Interpersonal Communication COMM 1225 Intercultural Communication (also meets MnTC Goal 7)	3
MATH 1200	Liberal Arts Math (MnTC 4)	3
MnTC 5 - PSYC	Any Goal 5 Psychology course. PSYC 1215 or PSYC 1220 strongly recommended (MnTC 5)	3
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		15

SECOND YEAR		
FALL SEMESTER		CREDITS
ECED 1203 *	Observation and Assessment	3
ECED 2134 *	Intro to Language and Literacy	3
MnTC 3	Any Goal 3 Course with lab	4
MnTC 5 - SOC	Any Goal 5 Sociology course	3
MnTC 6 or 8	Any Goal 6 or 8 course	3
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		16
SPRING SEMESTER		
ECED 2132 *	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
ECED 2133 *	Creative Activities and Environments	3
ECED 2202 (I) (#)	Early Childhood Internship	3
MnTC Electives	Any courses in Goal 1-10	7
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		16

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway AS offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Early Childhood Education bachelor's degree 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 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.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of program requirements.
- 2.0 minimum GPA required for both the MnTC and AS degree.
- Transfer courses with grades of A-D will be included in the GPA calculation for MnTC.

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.
- (I) Internship requires 120 hours of field experience with a qualified Early Childhood teacher in a licensed early childhood setting and is taken the final semester before graduating. An instructor approval form must be completed and signed before the semester begins and placement is arranged.
- (#) If ECED 1107 Practicum and ECED 1108 Practicum have been completed, ECED 2202 Internship may be waived.

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