



Child Care



Prepare for a career as a professional child care provider, partnering with families to help children grow in a stimulating and supportive environment.

Programs

Child Care graduates gain knowledge and experience to provide a safe, healthy, developmentally and culturally appropriate learning environment for children from birth to age 8. Students learn to develop play-centered activities that help children grow cognitively, socially, emotionally, physically and creatively. Coursework includes American Sign Language, children's literature and literacy, infant and toddler learning experiences, and society and family dynamics. NTC offers two degree tracks to meet different career goals:

Child Care and Education, Associate of Applied Science (AAS), prepares graduates to launch a career immediately without further education. Students may also choose to start with one of two certificate programs.

- **Child Care and Education Level I certificate** prepares graduates to provide family child care or advance to a Level II certificate or AAS.
- **Child Care and Education Level II certificate** prepares graduates to provide family child care, work as an aide in a center-based child care program or advance to an AAS.

Young Child Education, Associate of Science (AS), prepares graduates to transfer to a four-year university for a non-teaching degree in early childhood or an education degree in early childhood, which is required for licensure to teach birth through third grade.

Career opportunities

Child Care graduates with an AAS degree are qualified to become assistant teachers in a center-based setting such as a child care center, early childhood family education program or Head Start. Graduates may also work as a paraprofessional in an educational setting, a family child care provider, a group family child care provider or a nanny. With additional experience hours, graduates meet qualifications to work as center-based child care teachers, child care resource and referral agents or food program representatives.

The NTC advantage

Experiential learning introduces students to practical, real-life experiences in a variety of child care settings such as family child care, school-based pre-K to first-grade settings, center-based birth through pre-K programs and Head Start.

Flexibility in credit load allows students to take a full load or as few credits as they choose in any semester. Students also have a choice in location and program for student teaching.

Required courses

Courses from the certificate program can be applied to the AAS programs.

College readiness courses may be required in reading, writing and math based on performance on the Accuplacer assessment. Contact the Office of Admissions to schedule an assessment.

Child Care and Education Level I, certificate, 20 credits

Course #	Course name	Credits
CDEV 1100	Health, Developmentally Appropriate Environment	3
CDEV 1102	Parent & Professional Relations	3
CDEV 1104	Child Development and Learning	3
*CDEV 1110	Field I	1
*CDEV 1112	Field II	1
*CDEV 1114	Society/Family Dynamics	3
CDEV 1126	Careers in Early Childhood	1
*CEDV 2202	Abuse and Neglect	2
	**General studies electives	3

**Not required for the AS degree.*

*** For the AAS, general studies courses may not apply to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.*

Child Care and Education Level II, certificate, 27 credits

Requires all the courses needed to complete the certificate Level I, plus an additional seven credits.

Course #	Course name	Credits
CDEV 1116	Relations and Management in Early Child Ed	3
CDEV 1130	Special Needs in Early Childhood	3
CDEV 1132	Special Needs Lab	1

Child Care and Education, AAS, 60 credits

Requires all the courses needed to complete the certificate Level II, plus an additional 33 credits.

Course #	Course name	Credits
ENGL 1111	College Writing I	3
SGNL 1100	American Sign Language (ASL) I	4
PSYC 1105	General Psychology	3
SPCH 1120	Interpersonal Communications	2
CDEV 2206	Observing & Assessing	3
CDEV 2208	Infant/Toddler Learning Experience	4
CDEV 2216	Children with Difficult Behavior	2
CDEV 2220	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
CDEV 2222	School-Age Development	2
CDEV 2224	Children's Literature and Literacy	3
<u>One of either:</u>		
CDEV 2286	Preschool Internship	4 or
CDEV 2240	Field III – Advanced	4

Young Child Education, AS, 60 credits

Requires selected courses from the Level I certificate, as indicated, plus 40-43 additional credits. All 60 credits can be transferred to Mayville State University, N.D.

Course #	Course name	Credits
ENGL 1111	College Writing I	3
ENGL 1113	College Writing II	3
PSYCH 1105	General Psychology	3
SPCH 1110	Intro to Public Speaking	3
SGNL 1100	American Sign Language (ALS) I	4
SGNL 2100	American Sign Language (ASL) II	4
CDEV 2206	Observing & Assessing	3
CDEV 2208	Infant/Toddler Learning Experience	4
CDEV 2220	Foundations of Early Childhood Educations	3
CDEV 2224	Children's Literature and Literacy	3
	*General education electives	10

**Up to three electives from the Level II certificate may apply if the courses are in general education.*

More information

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