



Child Development and Early Education A.A.A.

Curriculum Code: 1637

Effective: Fall 2021 – Summer 2026

Description

This degree program prepares individuals to work in early childhood education and care programs as a lead teacher, teacher assistant, or program director. This program has been awarded Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), 1313 L St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005. The curriculum is aligned with the standards issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Michigan Early Childhood Core Knowledge and Core Competencies. Students learn to plan and implement high quality, developmentally appropriate programs for all ages of children, infants through school-age, in both centers and family child care homes. Graduates of the associate degree program meet the educational requirements for childcare center program directors as specified by the State of Michigan Child Day Care Center Licensing Regulations. This degree articulates with certain Child Development/Early Education bachelor degrees. Several semesters of daytime field work in early education and childcare settings is required.

Additional Information

This degree is designed for students seeking an associate degree. It is also for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in this subject area. Students completing this curriculum will satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

Criminal background checks and DHHS Central Registry Clearance are required for students in CHDV field placement classes to meet State of Michigan childcare program regulations.

Students enrolled in CHDV 284 may be required to complete a TB test for field placement.

All CHDV courses must be completed with a minimum 2.5 grade and all non-CHDV courses must be completed with a 2.0 grade to receive this degree.

To finish an Associate's Degree or Certificate in Child Development in the shortest possible time, students must enroll in CHDV 100, CHDV 101, and CHDV 111 in the first semester.

Contact Information

Contact the Child Development Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number 517-483-1410, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA), Recommended Courses

(For the full list of options, see [General Education](#))

- English Composition – *Select one*
ENGL 121, Composition I, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
ENGL 131, Honors Composition I, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- English Composition (second course)/Communications – *Select one*
COMM 120, Dynamics of Communication, 3 credits / 3 billing hours
- Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select one, not from the ENGL discipline*
HIST 220, Michigan History, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
HUMS 120, Masterpieces of Art & Music, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
HUMS 140, Art of Being Human, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
RELG 150, Intro to World Religions, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- Mathematics – *Select one*
MATH 119, Math - Applications for Living, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
STAT 170, Introduction to Statistics, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
- Natural Sciences – *Select two, each from a different discipline, one must be a lab course*
BIOL 120, Environmental Science, 4 credits / 6 billing hours
CHEM 135, Chemistry in Society, 4 credits / 5 billing hours
ISCI 121, Integrated Sci for Education I, 4 credits / 6 billing hours
PFHW 123, Human Nutrition, 3 credits / 3 billing hours
- Social Sciences
Program of Study Required Courses will meet this requirement.

Program of Study Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHDV 100	Foundations Early Childhood Ed	3 / 3
CHDV 101	Child Growth/Develop: 0-12 Yrs	4 / 4
CHDV 111	Child Guidance/Communication	4 / 4
CHDV 215	Infant Toddler Program Dev	4 / 4
CHDV 220	Early Child Curr/Learn Environ	4 / 4
CHDV 225	Families and Inclusion	4 / 4
CHDV 230	Early Childhood Program Admin	3 / 3
CHDV 284	Early Childhood Practicum	6 / 6
ENGL 208	Children's Literature	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – *Select one or two courses, minimum of two credits*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHDV 113	Health/Safety:Early Child Prog	2 / 2
CHDV 122	Creativity and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 123	Literacy and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 124	Young Investigators: Math/Sci	1 / 1
CHDV 126	Discovery Learning:Inf/Tod Gps	1 / 1
CHDV 129	Caring for Youngest Learners	2 / 2
CHDV 222	Caring for School Age Children	2 / 2

Total Credit Hours

64-65 credits / 65-69 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Spring)
MTA English Composition CHDV 100 CHDV 101 CHDV 111	MTA English Comp (2nd course) or Communications MTA Mathematics CHDV 215 ENGL 208

Semester III (Fall)	Semester IV (Spring)
MTA Humanities and Fine Arts MTA Natural Sciences CHDV 220 CHDV 225 Limited Choice	MTA Natural Sciences CHDV 230 CHDV 284 SOCL 120