

Family and Human Services

Transfer Degree

Diploma

Early Childhood Education

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Early Childhood Education - Diploma

(Pending approval by the Iowa Department of Education)

The Early Childhood Education Diploma program is designed to provide an introduction to the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of children from birth through age 8. This program helps prepare students for a rewarding career nurturing the growth and development of young children. Students learn about child development, the child care field, and appropriate practices while working with children. In addition, this program addresses the competencies and functional areas necessary for students to begin the assessment and testing process for the Child Development Associate National Credential administered by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

Students can enter employment in an early childhood area upon completion of the program. Additionally, students have the option to continue their education and earn an associate and/or bachelor degree.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed curriculum (at least 30 semester hours) with an average grade point of 2.00 (C), the student is awarded a diploma.

Required Courses

ECE-103	Introduction to Early Childhood Education.....	3 s.h.
ECE-131	Home and School Relationships in Early Childhood ...	3 s.h.
ECE-133	Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition.....	3 s.h.
ECE-150	Curriculum for Young Children.....	3 s.h.
ECE-176	Child Development.....	3 s.h.
EDU-235	Children's Literature.....	3 s.h.
ECE-243	Early Childhood Guidance.....	3 s.h.
EDU-246	Educational Measurement & Evaluation.....	3 s.h.

Suggested Electives - 6 s.h. needed

ART-102	Art for Elementary Education.....	3 s.h.
BIO-123	Inquiry Into Life Science.....	3 s.h.
EDU-216	Introduction to Teaching.....	3 s.h.
MAT-112	Math for Elementary Teachers I.....	3 s.h.
MAT-113	Math for Elementary Teachers II.....	3 s.h.
PSY-223	Child and Adolescent Psychology.....	3 s.h.
PSY-281	Educational Psychology.....	3 s.h.

Career Opportunities

Successful graduates can find job opportunities in the following occupational areas:

- Child Care Centers
- Preschools
- In-home Day Care Centers

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Students interested in careers in Human Services may graduate from NIACC with an Associate of Arts Degree with a Human Services certificate. The Human Services program prepares students for entry-level jobs or for transfer to a four-year degree program. The program emphasizes skills needed in working with consumers such as interviewing, completing an assessment of individual/family needs, making appropriate referrals, and assisting with counseling. By the end of the program, students will be able to interact effectively with consumers in a human services agency such as public/private social services agencies, treatment centers, group homes, supported living and work programs, and state or county departments of social services.

Upon completion of the two-year curriculum with a grade point average of 2.00 (C), the student is awarded an Associate in Arts Degree with a Human Services certificate.

Career Opportunities

- Social Work Associate
- Case Aide
- Parent-skill Worker
- Family Support Advocate
- Residential Treatment Associate
- Long-term Care Facility Associate

General Education Core Requirements

ENG-102	Composition and Speech I.....	4 s.h.
ENG-103	Composition and Speech II.....	4 s.h.
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology.....	3 s.h.
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology.....	3 s.h.
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology.....	3 s.h.
SOC-115	Social Problems.....	3 s.h.
SOC-120	Marriage and Family.....	3 s.h.
	Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Health and Nutrition, or Nutrition.....	3-5 s.h.
	Humanities Electives.....	8 s.h.
	Mathematics*.....	3-4 s.h.
	Additional general education course.....	0-3 s.h.

*General Education courses must total at least 40 semester hours to meet A.A. degree requirements.

Human Services Core Requirements

BCA-215	Computer Business Applications.....	3 s.h.
HSV-152	Introduction to Counseling.....	3 s.h.
HSV-153	Professional Ethics.....	3 s.h.
PSY-223	Child and Adolescent Psychology.....	3 s.h.
	OR ECE-176 Child Development (3 s.h.)	
SDV-210	Cooperative Education Internship.....	1 s.h.
	OR SOC-949A Special Topics in Social Science (1 s.h.)	
SOC-150	Introduction to Human Services.....	3 s.h.
SOC-215	Prime for Life.....	1 s.h.