

## Early Childhood Studies

### Why should I major in Early Childhood Studies?

If you like working with young children, Iowa Western's Early Childhood Studies program is right for you. In this program, you will learn how to care and facilitate learning for children ages birth through preschool.



### What type of degree would I earn at Iowa Western if I enroll in this program?

The Early Childhood Studies program is a two-year program that provides students with a foundation in research and theory concerning the intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of young children. Students will apply research and theory by demonstrating newly-acquired skills in the on-campus laboratory school under the direct supervision of faculty and staff. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

### If I major in Early Childhood AA degree, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

Graduates from Iowa Western's Early Childhood Studies program meet the State of Iowa Licensing requirements for preschool teachers. If you wish to continue toward your bachelor's degree, Iowa Western credits can be transferred to universities and colleges in the region.

### What is the job outlook for graduates of this program and what type of jobs will I be qualified for?

This program prepares students to become lead teachers and child specialists in preschools, family child care homes, and Head Start programs. Wages can range from \$8.00 through \$13.00 an hour, depending on your specific job. Job opportunities are plentiful in this area.

### Program of Study

The Early Childhood Studies program of study prepares students to become lead teachers and child specialists in preschools, family child care homes, and Head Start programs. Students are involved in planning, leading and evaluating learning experiences through observation, discussion and active participation. Students culminate their educational experience with a field experience and practicum in a variety of early childhood settings. Students must maintain First Aid/CPR certification throughout the program. Graduates of this program are awarded an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

\* Students must complete the curriculum described below:

### RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

| First Semester   |   | Cr.   |
|--|---|-------|
| ECE 244  | Early Childhood Guidance with Lab                     | 4     |
| ECE 103  | Introduction to Early Childhood Education             | 3     |
| ECE 170  | Child Growth and Development                          | 3     |
| ECE 153  | Early Childhood Curriculum I with Lab                 | 4     |
| SPC 122  | Interpersonal Communication                           | 3     |
|  |   | 17    |
| Second Semester  |   | Cr.   |
| ECE 120  | Communication with Families                           | 2     |
| ECE 154  | Early Childhood Curriculum II with Lab                | 6     |
| ECE 221  | Infant/Toddler Care and Education                     | 3     |
| ECE 133  | Child Health, Safety and Nutrition                    | 3     |
| ENG 105  | Composition I   | 3     |
|  |   | 17    |
| Third Semester   |   | Cr.   |
| EDU 235  | Children's Literature                                 | 3     |
| EDU 245  | Exceptional Learner                                   | 3     |
| ECE 268  | Early Childhood Field Experience                      | 4     |
|  | Early Childhood Studies Elective                      | 2-4   |
|  | A.A.S. Mathematics Requirement<br>(MAT 110 or higher) | 3     |
|  |   | 15-17 |
| Fourth Semester  |   | Cr.   |
| ECE 269  | Early Child Field Practicum                           | 7     |
| CSC 110  | Introduction to Computers                             | 3     |
| MGT 195  | Workplace Empowerment                                 | 3     |
|  | Social Science Elective                               | 3     |
|  |   | 16    |
| Early Childhood Studies electives must be selected from the following: |   | Cr.   |
| ECE 125  | School Age Child                                      | 2     |
| ECE 292  | Early Childhood Administration                        | 4     |
| HSV 131  | Fundamentals of Case Management                       | 3     |

65 semester hours required

**For More Information,**  
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