

## Early Childhood Diploma

### Why should I major in this program?

If you like working and providing for children, Iowa Western's Early Childhood Diploma program could be for you. In this program, you learn how to care for children of all ages. Individuals are prepared for entry-level jobs in child care centers, nanny positions and as home day care providers.



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

Graduates of this one-year program earn a diploma. Other options include the two-year Early Childhood Education Studies program, which will earn you an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS). All students receive supervised hands-on work experience in the Children's Center on the Council Bluffs campus and in community sites. The Children's Center is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

### If I major in this program, can I transfer to a four-year college or university?

Graduates from Iowa Western's Early Childhood Diploma program qualify for licensing for day care centers and are prepared for entry-level jobs upon graduation. If obtaining an advanced degree is your goal, it is recommended that you major in our Early Childhood Studies program, where you will earn an AAS degree. You can then transfer these credits toward a bachelor's degree, which you would earn from another institution.

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

The Early Childhood Diploma program prepares students for careers as nannies, child care associates in child care centers, preschools, public school classrooms, recreation centers, residential home care and therapeutic programs. They may also become in-home child care entrepreneurs. Wages can range from \$6 through \$9 an hour, depending on your specific job.

### Program of Study

The Early Childhood Diploma program of study is designed to provide students with a foundation in best practices with an emphasis in the development of the young child, planning activities and working with families. Students apply research and theory by demonstrating newly acquired skills in the Laboratory School. This program prepares students to be assistant preschool teachers and nannies. **Students must maintain First Aid/CPR certification throughout the program.** Graduates of this program are awarded a diploma.

\* Students must complete the curriculum described below:

### RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Semester		Cr.
ECE 245	Guidance and Interaction	4
ECE 103	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 170	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 155	Curriculum and Activities I	4
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication	3
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### Second Semester

		Cr.
ECE 120	Communication with Families	2
ECE 133	Child Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
ECE 157	Curriculum and Activities II	6
ECE 221	Infant/Toddler Care and Education	3
ENG 110	Writing for the Workplace <u>OR</u>	3
ENG 105	Composition I	
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**34 semester hours required**

**For More Information,  
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