



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

NMCC's early childhood education program offers both a two-year associate degree and a one-year certificate level option. The associate degree program is designed to educate childcare professionals in the skills and knowledge necessary for advanced positions in organizations and agencies that serve children. It provides courses and field experience in childcare, as well as a well-rounded supporting education. It also provides transfer opportunities to four-year institutions. The certificate program provides the training needed for entry-level positions and meets the more immediate need for those who do not choose the additional courses required for the degree. The core courses of this program align with the educational requirements for the Child Development Assistant (CDA) credential.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program will find employment opportunities in child care centers, summer and day camps, nursery schools, pre-school programs, public schools, recreational centers, one-on-one aide positions, and other agencies that serve children.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Completion of a four-year high school program or a state high school equivalency certificate is required for admission into NMCC's early childhood education program. Associate degree and certificate applicants are required to have two years of high school math, including algebra I; algebra II, chemistry, and biology are desired. All students are required to be compliant with Maine State law as well as Maine Community College System and NMCC policies regarding immunizations and health testing. A rolling admissions policy affords candidates the opportunity to apply and be accepted throughout the year, but early application (9-10 months prior to school year) is recommended because of competition and strict enrollment capacities established for each program.

NMCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 768-2791.

TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE

As a means to provide a smooth transition for NMCC's Associate of Applied Science Early Childhood Education students, NMCC and UMPI have entered into an agreement which recognizes the compatibility of the curriculums. This agreement allows qualified graduates from NMCC's Early Childhood Education Program to be accepted into UMPI's Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education option.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures constitute the admissions process:

1. An application form must be submitted accompanied by a nonrefundable \$20 application fee.
2. An official high school transcript must also be submitted (current seniors' transcripts should include completed ranking periods); GED test scores must be submitted by applicants who are not high school graduates.
3. Official college transcripts must be submitted by applicants who have attended other colleges or post-secondary schools.
4. Applicants are required to submit to the State a request for a Maine DHHS Child Protective Services record search. Upon acceptance into the Early Childhood Education program, a record search form will be provided to you. A State Bureau of Identification criminal history record search will be completed by NMCC officials. Prior criminal convictions may preclude program admission or licensure.
5. Placement testing or appropriate SAT scores, individual interviews and campus tours are required, in most cases, prior to being admitted.
6. Admissions decisions are made as quickly as possible once a candidate's file is complete.
7. Accepted applicants are required to make a deposit within thirty days of acceptance. Students requesting on campus housing are required to submit an additional deposit to reserve space in the residential complex.

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2016-2017 Curriculum

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>CR</u>
♦ECE 101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	3
♦ECE 105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development in the Young Child	3	0	3
♦ECE 192	Field Experience in ECE I	0	9	3
MAT 125	College Algebra	3	0	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	0	3
		12	9	15
<u>Second Semester</u>				
♦ECE 120	Programmatic/Professional Development in the Child Care Field	3	0	3
♦ECE 196	Field Experience in ECE II	1	9	4
♦ECE 200	Child Growth & Development	3	0	3
♦ECE 205	Children's Literature	3	0	3
ENG 111	English Composition	3	0	3
		13	9	16
<u>Third Semester</u>				
BIO 114	Human Biology	3	2	4
COM 111	Speech	3	0	3
♦ECE 210	Child Guidance/Discipline	3	0	3
♦ECE 230	Curriculum in ECE (Birth-3)	3	0	3
ENG 226	Introduction to Literature	3	0	3
		15	2	16
<u>Fourth Semester</u>				
CIS 113	Intro to Microcomputer Apps	3	0	3
♦ECE 197	Field Experience in ECE III	1	12	5
♦ECE 220	Education of Young Children w/ Special Needs	3	0	3
♦ECE 235	Curriculum in ECE (Ages 3-8)	3	0	3
SOC 111	Sociology	3	0	3
		13	12	17
TOTAL REQUIRED				64

Certificate Program

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>C</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>CR</u>
♦ECE 101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	3
♦ECE 105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development in the Young Child	3	0	3
♦ECE 192	Field Experience in ECE I	0	9	3
MAT 125	College Algebra	3	0	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	0	3
	OR			
SOC 111	Sociology	3	0	3
		12	9	15
<u>Second Semester</u>				
CIS 113	Intro. to Microcomputer Apps.	3	0	3
♦ECE 120	Programmatic/Professional Development in the Child Care Field	3	0	3
♦ECE 196	Field Experience in ECE II	1	9	4
ENG 111	English Composition	3	0	3
		10	9	13
<u>Summer Semester</u>				
♦ECE 197	Child Growth & Development	1	12	5
TOTAL REQUIRED				33

♦ *Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" or 2.0 required.*