

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program will find employment opportunities in:

- Child care centers
- Nursery schools
- Public schools
- One-on-one aide positions
- Summer & day camps
- Pre-school programs
- Recreational centers
- Agencies that serve children



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**HIGH DEMAND FIELD!**

**Questions?**

**Contact:**  
[admissions@nmcc.edu](mailto:admissions@nmcc.edu)

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

**The following procedures constitute the admissions process:**

1. Submit an NMCC application.
2. Submit official high school transcript and/or HiSET/GED scores (current senior's transcript should include completed ranking period grades).
3. Official college transcripts for applicants who have attended other post-secondary schools.
4. If SAT scores are not available, placement testing may be required.
5. Meet with an Admissions Counselor.
6. A campus tour is highly recommended.

### **PROGRAM PURPOSE**

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 work towards a bachelor's degree.

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 State of Maine Child Development Assistant (CDA) credential.

### ***TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE***

*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.*

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

First Semester			C	L	CR
> ECE	101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	3
> ECE	105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development	3	0	3
> ECE	192	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education I	0	9	3
PSY	101	General Psychology	3	0	3
		Math Elective	3	0	3
			12	9	15

Second Semester			C	L	CR
> ECE	120	Programmatic & Professional Development	3	0	3
> ECE	196	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education 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

Third Semester			C	L	CR
BIO	115	General Biology	3	2	4
CIS	113	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3	0	3
COM	111	Speech	3	0	3
> ECE	210	Child Guidance & Discipline	3	0	3
> ECE	230	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Birth - 3)	3	0	3
			15	2	16

Fourth Semester			C	L	CR
> ECE	197	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education III	1	12	5
> ECE	220	Education of Young Children with Special Needs	3	0	3
> ECE	235	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Ages 3 - 8)	3	0	3
ENG	226	Introduction to Literature	3	0	3
SOC	111	Sociology	3	0	3
			13	12	17

Total Required **64**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Certificate Program

First Semester			C	L	CR
> ECE	101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	3
> ECE	105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development	3	0	3
> ECE	192	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education I	0	9	3
PSY	101	General Psychology	3	0	3
		Math Elective	3	0	3
			12	9	15

Second Semester			C	L	CR
CIS	113	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3	0	3
> ECE	120	Programmatic & Professional Development	3	0	3
> ECE	196	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education II	1	9	4
ENG	111	English Composition	3	0	3
			10	9	13

Summer Semester			C	L	CR
> ECE	197	Field Experience in Early Childhood Education III	1	12	5

Total Required **33**

> Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" or 2.0 is required

Key: C= Class Hours, L= Lab Hours, CR= Credit Hours

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