

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



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### 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

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.

**Graduates can transfer to a four-year school and obtain their bachelor's degree in the same amount of time.**

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program will find employment opportunities in:

- child care centers
- nursery schools
- public schools
- one-on-one aide positions
- summer and day camps
- pre-school programs
- recreational centers
- other agencies that serve children

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures constitute the admissions process:

1. Submit an NMCC application along with a \$20 application fee.
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. Individual interview required.
6. A campus tour is highly recommended.
7. Applicants are required to submit a request for a Maine DHHS Child Protective Service record search.

**Note: Criminal history record search will be completed by NMCC personnel. Prior criminal convictions may preclude program admission or licensure.**

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

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2021-2022 Curriculum

## Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

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

## Certificate Program

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

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

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

During your first year, you will gain hands-on experience working with children at child care facilities.

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