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CREDENTIAL YEAR 2017-18

## EDUCATION—EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### Credentials

Child Development Associate (CDA) skills certificate	17 cr .
Early Childhood Education certificate	27 cr .
Early Childhood Education AAS degree	62-67 cr.

### Major Description

To work effectively with children, early childhood educators must be sensitive to and understand the developmental stages of children. This curriculum contains theoretical and practical experiences to prepare students to work in early childhood programs in a variety of settings. The required field experiences expose students to best practices in early childhood education.

Students also have the option of transferring to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution.

### National Median Salaries for Early Childhood Education-related positions (source: US BLS)

Child Care Worker: \$19,510

Preschool Teacher: \$27,130

Kindergarten Teacher: \$53,090

Teacher Assistant: \$23,640

Child Care Director: \$43,950

### Child Development Associate (CDA) Skills Certificate

Schoolcraft program code # CRT.00315

The Child Development Associate (CDA) program represents a national effort to credential qualified early childhood educators working with children from birth to age five. At Schoolcraft College, CDA preparation consists of meeting the objectives and requirements of five courses in the early childhood curriculum that address the Competency Goals in 13 Functional Areas identified by the CDA Professional Preparation program. Candidates must also document 480 hours of professional experience working with children within the last three years, prepare a professional resource file and be formally observed working with children. For more information on the CDA Credential visit [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion. The following are the required courses necessary to meet CDA competencies.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

#### First Year—Winter Semester

ECE 100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	2	ECE 130*	Preschool Education with Field Experiences	5
ECE 110	Child Development	3	OR		
ECE 120	Creative Activities	3	ECE 140*	Infant and Toddler Education with Field Experiences	5
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8</b>	ECE 240	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
			ECE 160	Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Assessment Preparation	1
				<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>

### PROGRAM TOTAL 17 CREDITS

Upon successful completion of the required courses, students earn a Schoolcraft College certificate. To earn the CDA, candidates may then apply to the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition. The Council charges an application fee, assigns a representative to assess the candidate and awards this national credential.

\* Choose course depending upon the type of CDA Credentials the student is pursuing. Check with the Early Childhood Education and Special Education Department for more information. Students must successfully pass courses with field experiences with a grade of a 2.5 in order to be eligible to earn credit for the course. Students that do not pass the course at the second attempt may not remain in the program.

Students in the Early Childhood Education program must adhere to the Code of Ethics of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council for Exceptional Children along with the Early Childhood Education and Special Education Department policies. Early Childhood Education and Special Education Department policies are provided from the department to the student in their field experience courses.



It is the policy of Schoolcraft College that no person shall, on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, and/or national origin, be subjected to discrimination during or be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of any program or activity or in employment.



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## Early Childhood Education Certificate

Schoolcraft program code # 1YC.00031

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The Early Childhood Education Certificate program provides an educational foundation for understanding children's development and children's needs. The program emphasizes helping students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to plan developmentally appropriate learning environments, nurturing strategies and activities for children which promote their physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth and well-being.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements qualify for a certificate of program completion.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

#### First Year—Winter Semester

ECE 100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	2	ECE 130	Preschool Education with Field Experiences	5
ECE 110	Child Development	3	ECE 230	Classroom Behavior—Understanding Social Competence	3
ECE 120	Creative Activities	3		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8</b>
ECE 180	Child and Family Welfare Services	3			
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>11</b>			

#### First Year—Spring Session

ECE 140	Infant and Toddler Education with Field Experiences	5
ECE 240	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>8</b>

### PROGRAM TOTAL 27 CREDITS

*Students in the Early Childhood Education program must adhere to the Code of Ethics of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council for Exceptional Children along with the Early Childhood and Special Education department policies. Prior to the start of field placement hours in ECE 130 and ECE 140 students must present to their instructor the following:*

- Michigan Department of Human Services Central Registry Clearance. The Michigan's Central Registry is a list of people who committed child abuse or neglect; as defined by The Child Protection Law.
- Michigan background check based upon requirements from the State of Michigan for Child Care Licensing. Schoolcraft College will complete the I-CHAT background check for each student.
- A current (within one year of their first day of their field experience) TB test with negative results.
- Students who do not pass clearance by the Michigan Department of Human Services, the background check and or the TB required test are not permitted in programs in the Early Childhood and Special Education Department.

Students must successfully pass courses with field experiences with a grade of a 2.5 in order to be eligible to earn credit for the course. Students who do not pass the course at the second attempt may not remain in the program.

## Early Childhood Education AAS Degree

Schoolcraft program code # AAS.00020

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All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete all college and program requirements qualify for an Associate in Applied Science degree.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

#### First Year—Fall Semester

#### First Year—Winter Semester

ECE 100	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	2	ECE 130	Preschool Education with Field Experiences	5
ECE 110	Child Development	3	ECE 150	Before and After School Programming for Children	3
ECE 120	Creative Activities	3	ECE 170	Curriculum, Assessment and Technology	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	SPE 220	Early Childhood Special Education	3
HUM	<i>Select one</i>	3-4	PSYCH 153	Human Relations	3
	<i>Recommended:</i>			<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>
	Any World Language				
COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech				
ENG 203	Children's Literature				
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14-15</b>			

#### Second Year—Fall Semester

#### Second Year—Winter Semester

ECE 140	Infant and Toddler Education with Field Experiences	5	ECE 260	Early Childhood Education Advanced Practical Experiences	4
ECE 180	Child and Family Welfare Services	3	ECE 250	Literacy and Numerical Thinking	3
ECE 230	Classroom Behavior—Understanding Social Competence	3	ECE 280	Emerging Educator	1
ECE 240	Administration of Early Childhood Programs	3	MATH	<i>Select one</i>	3-5
ENG 102	English Composition 2	3	Science	<i>Select one</i>	3-5
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14-18</b>

### PROGRAM TOTAL 62-67 CREDITS

Students in the Early Childhood Education program must adhere to the Code of Ethics of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council for Exceptional Children along with the Early Childhood Education and Special Education Department policies. For field experience courses, students must earn a minimum grade of 2.5 to pass the course. Students have only two attempts at completing ECE 130, ECE 140 and ECE 260. Students who are not successful with the second attempt are not eligible to remain in the program. Early Childhood Education and Special Education Department policies are provided to the student in their field experience courses.

Students planning to transfer should check the transfer institution's requirements/guides or discuss their options with a counselor or advisor. Number of credits may vary depending on the course selection.

The Children's Center at Schoolcraft College is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC—the foremost authority in the care of children, birth through age eight). The accreditation we earned is held by only 3 percent of centers in Michigan and 7 percent of centers in the United States. The Children's Center is our lab school for some of the early childhood courses with field experiences and observations. For more information about accreditation please contact:

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