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The Kellogg Community College Early Childhood Education Program prepares individuals with the skills and education they need to promote young children’s healthy growth and development. Students learn how to support literacy, positive child guidance, social and emotional growth, and cognitive development.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates in early childhood education are qualified to work in a variety of settings such as Head Start, child care centers, preschools, schools, family programs, and licensed child care homes. Early childhood professionals work in careers which include: lead preschool teachers, infant and toddler specialists, assistant teachers, licensed home child care providers, paraprofessionals, nannies, and child care directors.

Job growth rate from 2012-2022*:	State	National
Preschool Teachers		
/Program Director	8.8%	14%
Child Care Workers	13.8%	17%
Median Annual Earnings:		
Preschool Teachers		
/Program Director	\$19,720-\$40,290	\$43,950
Child Care Workers	\$17,200-\$24,200	\$19,510

Sources:
 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics www.bls.gov
 Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives www.milmi.org

*With further education, career opportunities include:

- Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary teachers
- Child Development Specialist
- Education Specialist
- Program Director
- Literacy and Curriculum Specialist
- Owner/Entrepreneur of a Child Care Program
- Childlife Specialist

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Kellogg Community College offers several options to prepare students for an early childhood education career. The program designs training to meet individual needs within two main training options:

1. Coordinated Child Development Associate (CDA) National Credential Training
2. Associate Degree in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

The Kellogg Community College Early Childhood Education Program provides specific courses to help people meet the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing Regulations for child care providers, federal mandates for Head Start teaching staff, and the State of Michigan Department of Education Great Start Readiness training guidelines for preschool paraprofessionals. Students may opt for transfer planning to universities to study majors in child development, elementary education, and other related fields. Many students use specific courses to meet the State of Michigan Department of Education guidelines for the Michigan Teacher Certification continuing training hours.

COURSE WORK

The course work within the Early Childhood Education Program is designed to give students a solid foundation and quickly prepare them with the necessary skills to be successful in their career. Training options such as the coordinated CDA training program are also offered.

Topics Covered in Early Childhood Courses Include:

- Early Childhood Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- Child Growth and Development
- Positive Child Guidance
- Infant and Toddler Care
- Child Care Administration
- Early Childhood Literacy
- Young Children with Special Needs

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The Early Childhood Education program believes:

- Teaching modalities should focus on practice, field experience, and research-based learning experiences;
- Candidates should be observed working with young children and should be expected to meet specific learning outcomes measured through authentic and objective assessment;
- Instructors need to be facilitators of learning encouraging mastery of ECE concepts while creating enticing and engaging learning experiences;
- In the importance of staying responsive in order to meet the needs of a diverse student population; and
- In offering high quality training based on NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards at an affordable cost and which aligns with the Kellogg Community College mission statement.

