

EARLY CHILDHOOD

60 credit AAS | 30 credit Certificate

THE PROGRAM

The Early Childhood program is an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree or can be completed in one year with our certificate program. The program teaches students the importance of human growth and development and child behaviors and how it affects their ages and stages of development. Students develop healthy communication skills necessary to positive relationships with children and parents. Early childhood educators are needed in a variety of settings, including:

- Childcare facilities
- Recreation centers
- Pre-K schools & programs (Head Start)
- Private home childcare
- Other children's institutions

A TRANSFER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM

Most universities across the country are considered "transfer-friendly" especially within the North Dakota University System (NDUS):

- AA degrees are commonly accepted in place of specific first and second year core requirements.
- GER - All first and second year (100 & 200 level) general education requirements have common names and numbers throughout the NDUS.

ADVISORS/TRiO & PowerSkills

Knowledgeable advisors will help you create a class schedule and choose electives to build strong foundations for upper division coursework and to meet transfer requirements.

TRiO & PowerSkills is an **advising, tutoring, and proctoring resource for everyone**, as well as disability services.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

If you want to enter a 4-year college or university after LRSC, you should do your research.

- Gather catalogs from your 4-year choice schools.
- You and your advisor can create a course plan.
- Work with your advisor to meet prerequisites with your electives for the AA or AS degree.
- Check with Student Services about transfer agreements LRSC has with your 4-year choice.

TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



1. SCHEDULE TIME WITH YOUR ADVISOR

immediately after term schedules is published to choose courses for upcoming semesters. Your advisor will help you select courses that meet core requirements.



2. GET RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE by

participating in LRSC's Cooperative Education program to gain valuable hands-on work experience.



3. LINE UP YOUR INTERNSHIP (EC 297) EARLY to meet the 154-hour requirement needed for both the Certificate and the AAS degree.



CAREER OPTIONS

The certificate program is a one-year, fast-track program to prepare you for immediate entry-level employment working with young children in group settings such as child care centers or for starting a home business as a family child care provider.



**WORK WITH
DIFFERENT AGES
OF CHILDREN**

STUDENT FOCUSED

LRSC is among the best community colleges by BestColleges and CourseAdvisor 2023. Our students receive individualized support and have access to a variety of support services to help achieve their academic goals.



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**STUDENT: FACULTY
RATIO**

SCHOLARSHIPS

LRSC offers a range of scholarships to our students. Scholarships are funded by the LRSC Community College Foundation through contributions including our alumni, faculty and staff, community organizations, and many businesses and corporations.



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**AVAILABLE IN
SCHOLARSHIPS**

FIRST SEMESTER	CREDITS
EC 210: Introduction to Early Childhood Education*	4
EC 233: Pre-K Methods and Materials	5
ENGL 110: College Composition I	3
HPER 210: First Aid (certificate)	2
PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology	3
Program Electives (certificate)	4
SECOND SEMESTER	
COMM 110: Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR ENGL 120: College Composition II	3
EC 222: Administration and Leadership in Early Childhood Education	3
EC 236: Social and Emotional Development and Guidance	3
NUTR 240: Principles of Nutrition	3
PSYC 250: Developmental Psychology	3
EC 297: Internship (certificate)	5
Program Electives (certificate)	4
THIRD SEMESTER	
EDUC 250: Introduction to Education	3
SOC 220: The Family	3
Gen Ed: Math/Science/Computer Science	3
Electives	5
FOURTH SEMESTER	
EC 220: Infants and Toddlers	4
EC 297: Internship	5
HPER 205: Physical Education for Elementary Children	2
HPER 210: First Aid	2
SPED 237: Special Needs in Early Childhood Education	3
Total AAS Credits	minimum 60
Total Certificate Credits	30

BOLD: One-year certificate courses

***EC 210 OR EC 220 required for certificate**

Certificate program electives: EDUC 250, ENGL 238, NUTR 240, PSYC 111, PSYC 250, SOC 220.

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