

Minnesota North College - Itasca Campus

Child Development

Academic Year 2023-24
Certificate (18 credits)

FALL SEMESTER 2023 – 10 Credits		CREDITS	HOURS LEC/LAB
ECED 1107	Practicum	1	
ECED 1202	Child Development and Learning	3	3/0
ECED 1207	Children’s Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3	3/0
EDUC 2414	Infant and Toddler Strategies	3	3/0
SPRING SEMESTER 2024 – 8 Credits			
ECED 1108	Practicum	2	
ECED 1205	Relations and Management	3	3/0
ECED 1206	Diverse Children and Families	3	3/0

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the program is to enhance the quality of childcare by definition, evaluating, and recognizing the competence of child care providers. The program has been developed to address the six national competency goals and standards required for the National Child Development Certificate. Candidates can receive their CDC in any of the following three areas: Center-Based Preschool Setting, Center-Based Infant/Toddler Setting and Family Child Care Setting. Students will have the opportunity to gain work experience through an onsite practicum in area early childhood programs. This experience, along with coursework, will prepare students with a strong foundation for working with young children in the community.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students will plan a safe and healthy learning environment.
2. Students will understand how to promote children’s physical and intellectual development.
3. Students will explain how to build productive relationships with families.
4. Students will develop a plan for managing effective program operation.
5. Students will apply professionalism in an early childhood setting.
6. Students will learn to observe and record children’s behavior.
7. Students will demonstrate an understanding of child development and learning.

PROGRAM NOTES

In addition to the above courses, students can complete the National CDA Certification by

- completing an additional 360 hours of experience in an early childhood program
- creating a resource file
- observations and testing
- and successful completion of the certification test

PROGRAM FACULTY

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