



Child Development and Early Education A.A.A.

Career Community: Education and Human Services

Curriculum Code: 1637

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This degree program prepares individuals to work in early childhood education and care programs as a lead teacher, teacher assistant, or program director and/or transfer to a four-year institution to major in Education with Michigan teacher certification in Birth-Pre-K and Pre-K – 3. The Child Development and Early Education Associate in Applied Arts Degree at Lansing Community College is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), 1401 H Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. The curriculum is aligned with the NAEYC Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators, the Michigan Core Knowledge and Core Competencies for the Early Care and Education Workforce, and the Michigan Department of Education Birth-Kindergarten Standards for Teacher Certification. Students learn to plan and implement high quality, developmentally appropriate programs for children birth to age 12 in a variety of early childhood education settings. Graduates of the associate degree program meet the educational requirements for childcare center program directors as specified by the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing Bureau. This degree articulates with certain Child Development/Early Education bachelor degrees. Several semesters of daytime field work in early education and childcare settings are required.

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of CHDV 100, CHDV 101, CHDV 111, and EDUC 204 or EDUC 220 with a 2.0 or higher, is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

This degree is designed for students seeking an associate degree. It is also for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in this subject area. Students completing this curriculum will satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

Criminal background checks and DHHS Central Registry Clearance are required for students in CHDV field placement classes to meet State of Michigan Child Care Licensing regulations. In addition, students may also be required to show proof of vaccinations, including COVID, prior to beginning field placement.

Students enrolled in CHDV 284 may be required to complete a TB test for field placement.

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses to receive this degree.

To finish this Associate's Degree in the shortest possible time, students must enroll in CHDV 100, CHDV 101, and CHDV 111 in the first semester.

Contact Information

For further information, including about career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Child Development Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number 517-483-1410, or Student Services, Gannon Building – Star Zone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Major Required Courses - *Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). A minimum grade of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course.)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
CHDV 100	Foundations Early Childhood Ed	3 / 3
CHDV 101	Child Growth/Develop: 0-12 Yrs	4 / 4
CHDV 111	Child Guidance/Communication	4 / 4
CHDV 135	Inclusion for Every Learner	3 / 3
CHDV 215	Infant Toddler Program Dev	4 / 4
CHDV 220	Preschool Curriculum Approach	4 / 4
CHDV 230	Early Childhood Program Admin	3 / 3
CHDV 284	Early Childhood Practicum	5 / 5
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200 or	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240 or	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
EDUC 204 or	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3
ENGL 121 or	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4
MATH 119 or	Math – Applications for Living	4 / 4
MATH 120 or	College Algebra	4 / 4
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Pre-K – 3 and Pre-K – 6) choose EDUC 220, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 120.
- Eastern Michigan University (Early Childhood Comprehensive) choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 120.
- Ferris State University choose EDUC 220, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 120.
- Grand Valley State University choose EDUC 204, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 120.
- Michigan State University choose COMM 130, EDUC 204, and MATH 120.
- Western Michigan University choose COMM 130, EDUC 220, and MATH 119.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choices – Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select two from different disciplines (alpha course codes), as indicated for each transfer institution and major. If specific courses are not indicated, choose any two courses from different disciplines.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 208	Children's Literature	4 / 4
HIST 211 or HIST 212 or HIST 220	U.S. History to 1877 U.S. History: 1877 to Present Michigan History	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
MUSC 199	Music Appreciation	3 / 3
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4
SPAN 121	Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4

For future transfer to:

- A program for K-12 certification (Pre-K – 3 or Pre-K – 6) choose ENGL 208.
- Central Michigan University (Pre-K – 3 or Pre-K – 6) choose HIST 220.
- Eastern Michigan University (Elementary Comprehensive or Early Childhood Comprehensive) choose HIST 220.
- Ferris State University (Pre-K – 3) choose HIST 220.
- Grand Valley State University (Pre-K – 6) choose HIST 211 or HIST 212.
- Michigan State University choose HIST 220.
- Western Michigan University choose RELG 150.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice - Natural Sciences – *Select two from different disciplines, as indicated for each transfer institution and major. If specific courses are not indicated, choose any two courses from different disciplines. One must be a lab course.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Early Childhood Development) choose BIOL 120 and CHEM 135.
- Eastern Michigan University (Children and Families) choose BIOL 125, and CHEM 135 or PFHW 123.
- Ferris State University (Pre-K – 6) choose BIOL 125 and ISCI 121.
- Grand Valley State University (Pre-K – 6) choose BIOL 125 and ISCI 121.
- Michigan State University choose BIOL 120 and PHYS 120.
- Western Michigan University choose BIOL 120 and PHYS 120.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – *Select two credits*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHDV 122	Creativity and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 123	Literacy and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 124	Young Investigators: Math/Sci	1 / 1
CHDV 129	Caring for Youngest Learners	2 / 2
CHDV 132	Leadership Early Childhood Ed	2 / 2
CHDV 222	Caring for School Age Children	2 / 2

Note: For future transfer to Grand Valley State University choose CHDV 222.

General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communication
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Mathematics
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.

- Social Sciences
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.

Additional Credits

After completing the course and credit requirements as noted on this pathway, students who fall short of the 60-credit minimum required for an Associate Degree may select any course(s) needed to reach 60 credits, except those courses noted in number 7 in the [Institutional Requirements for Associate Degrees](#). Students are encouraged to use Degree Works and meet with an Advisor to ensure all requirements are met and for course recommendations.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 61 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)
ACAD 100
CHDV 100 – Milestone course
CHDV 101 – Milestone course
CHDV 111 – Milestone course (Fall and Spring offering only)
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131

Semester II (Spring)
CHDV 220 (Spring offering only)
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132
EDUC 204 or EDUC 220 – Milestone course
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170

Semester III (Fall)
CHDV 135 (Fall offering only)
CHDV 215 (Fall offering only)
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences
Limited Choice

Semester IV (Spring)
CHDV 230 (Spring offering only)
CHDV 284 (Spring offering only)
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences
Limited Choice (if needed)

LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree titles, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to discontinue programs when warranted.