



Child Development and Early Education C.C.

Career Community: Education and Human Services

Curriculum Code: 1815

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This certificate program prepares individuals for gainful, entry-level positions as assistant teachers, lead teachers, or program directors in early childhood education and care programs. This certificate can be used for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in this subject area. The curriculum is aligned with the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) 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. Courses for the certificate can be applied toward the associate degree. This curriculum requires two semesters to complete. One course of daytime field work in an early education and child care settings is required.

Milestone

Completion of CHDV 100, CHDV 101, and CHDV 111 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

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

Criminal background checks and DHHS Central Registry Clearance are required for students in CHDV 111 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.

CHDV 111 should be completed in the first semester, as it is a prerequisite for CHDV 230.

Students seeking immediate employment, select CHDV 230 plus a one-credit elective (CHDV 122 or CHDV 124). Students seeking to transfer to a four-year college or university, select ENGL 121, EDUC 204, or EDUC 220.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Child Development and Early Education Program, Health and Human Services Building, Room 108, telephone number 517-483-1410, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Major Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
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 123	Literacy and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 129	Caring for Youngest Learners	2 / 2

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Select 4 credits.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CHDV 122	Creativity and Play	1 / 1
CHDV 124	Young Investigators: Math/Sci	1 / 1
CHDV 230	Early Childhood Program Admin	3 / 3
EDUC 204 or EDUC 220	Educational Psychology Foundations of Education	3 / 3 3 / 3
ENGL 121	Composition I	4 / 4

Minimum Total Credit Hours

18 credits / 18 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)
CHDV 100 – Milestone course
CHDV 111 – Milestone course
CHDV 129 (Fall offering only)
Semester II (Spring)
CHDV 101 – Milestone course
CHDV 123 (Spring offering only)
Limited Choice (total 4 credits)

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.