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# Child Development and Early Education Advising Guide

## Advising Guide

Admission for Fall-Summer semesters

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### General Program Info

The Child Development and Early Education program had its last accreditation visit in 2018 and was approved through 2025 by its accreditation body:

[Commission on Early Childhood Higher Education Programs of the National Association for the Education of Young Children](https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/higher-ed/accreditation)

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Lansing Community College offers an Associate in Applied Arts Degree, a Certificate of Achievement, and a Certificate of Completion in Child Development and Early Education. Each addresses the various components of best practices in early childhood education for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children. Instructional methods include lecture/discussion, and hands-on field experiences. Courses are offered face-to-face, on-line and as a hybrid. more information on this program and career, visit the [program website](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/) (www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/).

## Getting Started

You must be an LCC student to be eligible for this program. With limited seats available in each course, enrollment is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Follow these steps to apply:

1. **APPLY TO LCC:** If you are not currently and have never been an LCC student, [apply to the college](https://lcc.edu/) (<https://lcc.edu/>) and complete all of the admission steps – college orientation, establish placement levels, etc.).
2. **PLACEMENT TESTING:** Visit LCC's [Placement Testing site](http://www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/) ([www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/](http://www.lcc.edu/services/testing/placement/)) for more information on Reading, Writing, and Math placement levels. Students can find their current placement levels by logging into their [MyLCC account](https://my.lcc.edu/) (<https://my.lcc.edu/>) and looking in the "Profile" tab.
3. **CDA WAIVER:** LCC students who hold a current CDA may apply for licensure or certification credit evaluation. Eligible students may receive up-to five (5) credits in CHDV for a current CDA. Students should consult with an advisor in the CHDV program prior to submitting an application.

[Academic Advisors](http://www.lcc.edu/services/advising/) ([www.lcc.edu/services/advising/](http://www.lcc.edu/services/advising/)) are available in the Gannon building Star Zone. To schedule an appointment call *(517) 483-1957 option 4*.

## Program Layout

The CHDV program has a sequence of classes that must be taken in order. One course is the Prerequisite for the next. To finish the associate degree or a certificate in the shortest possible time, students are encouraged to enroll in CHDV 100, CHDV 101, and CHDV 111 in their first semester.

Students completing this curriculum will satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan. General education and subject area requirements vary from one college or university to another. Students should contact the school to which they will transfer for specific institution requirements and meet with a CHDV Student Advisor. If you have questions, contact the HHS Division office by calling 517-483-1410

All CHDV courses must be completed with a 2.5 grade or better to be used as a Prerequisite.

**Associate in Applied Arts Degree** - The Associate in Applied Arts Degree in Child Development and Early Education ([Program Pathway: 1637](#)) prepares individuals to work in early childhood education programs as a lead teacher, assistant teacher, or program director. The curriculum is aligned with the standards issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Michigan Early Childhood Core Knowledge and Core Competencies. Students learn to plan and implement high quality, developmentally appropriate programs for young children, infants through school-age, in child care centers and family child care homes. Graduates of the associate degree program meet the educational requirements for childcare center program directors as specified by the State of Michigan Child Day Care

Center Licensing Regulations. This degree articulates with certain Child Development/Early Education bachelor degrees. Several semesters of daytime field experience in early childhood education settings is required. It will take at least 4 semesters (not including summer) to finish the required sequence of CHDV courses.

**Certificate of Achievement** - The Child Development and Early Education Certificate of Achievement ([Program Pathway: 0133](#)) prepares individuals for positions as assistant teachers in early childhood education programs. The curriculum is aligned with the standards issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Michigan Early Childhood Core Knowledge and Core Competencies. Courses for the certificate can be applied toward the associate degree. Several semesters of daytime field experience in early childhood education settings is required. It will take at least 4 semesters (not including summer) to finish the required sequence of CHDV courses.

**Certificate of Completion** - The Child Development and Early Education Certificate of Completion ([Program Pathway: 1815](#)) prepares individuals for gainful, entry-level positions as assistant teachers, lead teachers, or program directors in early childhood education programs. The curriculum is aligned with the standards issued by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Michigan Early Childhood Core Knowledge and Core Competencies. Courses for the certificate can be applied toward the associate degree. This curriculum requires two semesters to complete, not including summer. One course of daytime field experience in an early childhood education setting is required. It will take at least 2 semesters (not including summer) to finish the required sequence of CHDV courses.

## Training for the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

The CDA is independently awarded by the [National Council for Professional Recognition](#) to those demonstrating competence in their work with children in early childhood education programs.

CHDV courses can be used to complete the 120 clock hours of formal training needed for a CDA. In addition to training, the CDA requires 480 hours of experience working with young children within the previous three years, a portfolio, a CDA exam, and an observation by a CDA Professional Development Specialist. These additional requirements are a separate process that the candidate must complete on their own.

The advantages of completing the 120 clock hours of training through LCC:

- Students may be eligible for a scholarship through the [T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Michigan Scholarship Program](#)
- The recommended courses for the 120 clock hours of training may be applied towards the CHDV Associate in Applied Arts, the CHDV Certificate of Achievement, or the CHDV Certificate of Completion.
- The recommended courses may be transferable to other colleges or universities for students working toward a Bachelor's Degree.

## Program Cost

The cost for the CHDV courses vary; Students can use the [tuition cost estimator](#) for an estimate of the tuition and fee charges. There may be additional costs for textbooks, supplies and exam fees.

## Scholarships

[T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood© MICHIGAN](#) provides scholarships for individuals employed in early education and care centers or homes that are working on the associate degree, CDA, or taking CHDV 100 or 101. Contact T.E.A.C.H. toll free at 1-800-336-6424 for more information.

Scholarships or grants may be available through [LCC's Adult Resource Center](#) or [The LCC Foundation](#).

## Field Experience

The CHDV program has four courses that include field experience. During the semester students are assigned to a field placement site in an early childhood classroom to practice and apply the skills they are learning in their CHDV courses. Student employed at a licensed child care center or group/family child care home may be approved by the CHDV program to use their worksite for field experiences.

CHDV 111, 215 & 220 require students participate four hours per week each week during the semester. There are specific children's age requirements and group sizes that apply to each individual course.

CHDV 284 (student teaching practicum) requires the student to participate twelve hours per week each week with the same group of children in the childcare setting.

## Criminal Background Check

Students who enroll in our 4 lab courses (CHDV 111, 215, 220 and 284) are required to complete an I-Chat and a Central Registry Clearance.

Lansing Community College does not currently require a Criminal Background Check. However, it is important for students to be aware that if they apply for licensure in any other state, there may be criminal background limitations which would preclude certification/licensure.

## COVID-19

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students are required to comply with all laws, rules, and regulations as well as any guidance provided by the CDC, the local health department, and other governmental authorities. Due to rapid developments related to COVID-19, students are

encouraged to periodically visit the College's website for updated information about COVID-19 ([www.lcc.edu/about/coronavirus/](http://www.lcc.edu/about/coronavirus/)).

## Non-Discrimination Statement

Lansing Community College is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and equal education for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, weight, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, military status, veteran's status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or that is unrelated to the person's ability to participate in educational programs, courses, services or activities offered by the college.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; Employee Coordinator 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Student Coordinator 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Sarah Velez, Human Resource Manager/Title IX Coordinator, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1874; Christine Thompson, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1261.

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