Overview

Learn skills to establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment for young children while providing positive guidance. Focus on best practices in early childhood development and education. Students will have the opportunity to work with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in a practicum setting to apply theories and techniques.

Student Experience & Projects

Students will build upon classroom curriculum with participation in events such as book drives, Kids Against Hunger, hospital quilts, chemo caps, children's museum costumes, Educare partnership, community service events, children's health screenings, service learning projects, job shadows, summer camps, internships, career fairs, Mom's Day Out program, Bright Lights aide, kindergarten screening, workbased learning at preschool centers, etc.

Possible Careers

- Preschool Teacher
- Infant/Toddler Caregiver
- Professional Nanny
- Elementary School Paraprofessional

Field Trips


Guest Speakers

- Julie Warford, Nebraska TEACH scholarship
- Cara Lucas-Richt, director of LPS Early Childhood
- Stephanie Morrow, Gallup

Dual Credits: Earn up to 25 Southeast Community College credits.

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## Early Childhood Education Pathway

### Awards
Nebraska State Educators Rising—4th Place in Job Interview and 1st Place in Pre-Kindergarten Book

### Recommended Classes to Take at your Home High School

**Highly Recommended:** Infant/Toddler—OR—Intro to Early Childhood *(Criminal background check and DHHS child and adult abuse registry check required)*

**Encouraged:** Lifespan Development—OR—Infant/Toddler—OR—Preschool/School Age

### YEAR 1 CLASSES
**Junior (or Senior if pathway is not full)**

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**Weekly field trips and additional work time**

### YEAR 2 CLASSES
**Returning TCA Senior**

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### Additional high school courses taken at TCA to meet graduation requirements
*(Students earn 30 LPS credits per year toward the 245 LPS credits required for graduation).*

**YEAR 1 First Semester:** 11th LPS Gov’t & Politics *(5 LPS credits)*; 11th LPS Psychology *(5 LPS credits)*.

**YEAR 2:** Senior English Seminar English *(10 LPS credits)* Course completed over two semesters earning 5 credits each semester.

### Related Associate of Applied Science Degrees Offered at SCC

**AAS Degrees:** Early Childhood Education or Academic Transfer

**Certificates/Diploma:** Early Childhood Education

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