

Early Childhood Education Pathway

11th & 12th Graders



Possible Careers

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

Field Trips

Trinity Infant and Child Care Center, Ivy League Child Care Center, Indigo Bridge Books, Educare of Lincoln, NETV, Assemblage Art Gallery, Lincoln Children's Museum, Dimensions Nature Explore Classroom, NETA conference, UNO, Morrill Hall

Guest Speakers

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



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.

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



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Awards

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

"It's a great program where you can get dual credit and get hands on skills from a pathway you are interested in."
— Amanda, East

"It will help you in the long run more than you think. TCA taught me to accept challenges and learn to overcome them!"
— Lisbeth, LNS



Lincoln Public Schools

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

Dual Credits Available

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YEAR 1 CLASSES

Junior (or Senior if pathway is not full)

First Semester

ECED 1150 (3.0)
Intro to Early Childhood

ECED 1160 (3.0)
Early Language &
Literacy

Second Semester

ECED 1050 (3.0)
Expressive Arts

ECED 1060 (3.0)
Observation,
Assessment & Guidance

Weekly field trips and additional work time

YEAR 2 CLASSES

Returning TCA Senior

First Semester

ECED 1120 (2.0)
Preschool Child
Development

ECED 1220 (1.0)
Pre-Practicum

ECED 1224 (3.0)
Preschool Math,
Science & Social Studies
Curriculum

ECED 1630 (1.0)
Preschool Practicum

Second Semester

ECED 1130 (3.0)
Social Emotional
Development

ECED 1230 (2.0)
School Age Child
Development &
Programming

ECED 1640 (1.0)
School Age Practicum

*Complete portfolio
and senior graduation
seminar*

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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