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Early Childhood Education Program

The Kellogg Community College Early Childhood Education Program prepares individuals with the skills and education they need to promote young children’s healthy growth and development. Students learn how to support literacy, positive child guidance, social and emotional growth, and cognitive development.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates in early childhood education are qualified to work in a variety of settings such as Head Start, child care centers, preschools, schools, hospitals, family programs, and licensed child care homes. Early childhood professionals work in careers which include: preschool teachers, infant and toddler specialists, assistant teachers, licensed home child care providers, paraprofessionals, child care providers, nannies, child care directors and home educators.

Job growth rate from 2006-2016:

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<td>13.8%</td>
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Median Annual Earnings:

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Sources:
Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives www.milmi.org

With further education, career opportunities include:
- Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary teachers
- Child Development Specialist
- Education Specialist
- Program Superintendent/Director
- Literacy & Curriculum Specialist
- Owner/Entrepreneur of a Child Care Program

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Kellogg Community College offers several options to prepare students for an early childhood education career. The program designs training to meet individual needs within four main training options:

1. Coordinated Child Development Associate (CDA) National Credential Training
2. Early Childhood Education Certificate
3. Associate Degree in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

The Kellogg Community College Early Childhood Education Program provides specific courses to help people meet the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing Regulations for child care providers, federal mandates for Head Start teaching staff, and the State of Michigan Department of Education Great Start Readiness training guidelines for preschool paraprofessionals. Students may opt for transfer planning to universities to study majors in child development, elementary education, and other related fields. Many students use specific courses to meet the State of Michigan Department of Education guidelines for the Michigan Teacher Certification continuing training hours.

COURSE WORK

The course work within the Early Childhood Education Program is designed to give students a solid foundation and quickly prepare them with the necessary skills to be successful in their career. Training options such as the coordinated CDA training program are also offered.

Topics Covered in Early Childhood Courses Include:
- Early Childhood Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- Child Growth and Development
- Positive Child Guidance
- Infant and Toddler Care
- Child Care Administration
- Early Childhood Literacy
- Young Children with Special Needs