

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Date: _____ Student's High School: _____

Student Name: _____

Counselor Signature: _____

DMACC Required Course	Location preference: 1. Career Academy 2. Offered in my school* 3. DMACC online (circle a # in each line below)
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE:	
Intro to Early Childhood Education (ECE103)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Guidance (ECE243)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Guidance Lab - 30 hrs; ages 2-5 (ECE343)	2 / 3
Child Health, Safety and Nutrition (ECE133) Child Emergency Care (ECE130)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum I (ECE158)**	2 / 3
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIPLOMA (optional, in addition to classes listed above):	
Child Growth and Development (ECE170)	1 / 2 / 3
Emergency Care (ECE130)	1 / 2 / 3
Oral Communication (SPC101)	1 / 2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum II (ECE159)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Curriculum II Lab (ECE359)	2 / 3
The College Experience (SDV108)	2 / 3
Early Childhood Field Experience (ECE268)	2 / 3
Infant and Toddler Care and Education (ECE221)	2 / 3
Elementary Education Math 1 (MAT114)	2 / 3
US History to 1877 or alternate humanities course (HIS 150 or 151)	2 / 3

**will require approval for transfer, if not offered by DMACC.*

***may be replaced by Infant/Toddler Care and Education (ECE 221) for infant care; students are responsible for self-enrollment in ECE158 and ECE221 – contact your DMACC Academic Advisor for assistance.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

- Qualifies the recipient for most entry-level childcare positions.
- Observation hours are required. Assistance in securing qualifying, paid, work-based learning employment will be provided through WorkSMART Connector.
- Can be completed while in high school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIPLOMA

- Qualifies the recipient for a lead teacher or supervisor role in a preschool or childcare facility.
- Observation hours are required. Assistance in securing qualifying, paid, work-based learning employment will be provided through WorkSMART Connector.
- Can be completed the summer and/or fall after high school graduation.

Is your end goal to receive the CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL?

- Qualifies the recipient for a higher paid role in a preschool or childcare facility.
- Can be completed with a post-high school, 2-year degree through DMACC and a required exam, without periodic renewal requirements. (Classes listed above may apply toward certain DMACC requirements; contact your DMACC Academic Advisor for details.)
 - o **OR** can be completed while in high school with extensive observation hours and portfolio assignments (with support from Career Academy of Pella staff), and a required exam, with periodic renewal requirements throughout your career.

Is your end goal to receive a PARAEDUCATOR LICENSE?

- Qualifies the recipient to work as a classroom aide under the supervision of a licensed teacher.
- Can be completed while in high school. See "Teacher Preparation" program [here](#) for details.