

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Program Number:** 10-307-1

Associate of Applied Science Degree

**Campus:** Fond du Lac, West Bend

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

The Early Childhood Education associate degree program at Moraine Park prepares students to work as teachers and caregivers in two years.

## About the Program

For students in the Early Childhood Education program, no day will be alike. Students in the program balance both academic coursework and practical experience, gaining hands-on experience at local child care centers. Students gain practice guiding child behavior and working cooperatively with staff and parents. This program has daytime courses offered at our Fond du Lac campus and evening courses offered at our West Bend campus, with some courses available online.

## What You'll Learn

Students in the Early Childhood Education program learn to care for and educate children while playing a key role in children's development. Graduates will know how to maintain a clean and safe environment, as well as plan educational activities and assess child growth and progress. Graduates of the program are prepared to work with children from birth to 8-year age range and are well-prepared for a variety of Early Childhood Education jobs.

Scholarships may be available for students who are employed in a licensed child care center or a licensed or certified family child care program. Applicants must have the support of their employer and possess a high school diploma or GED. Scholarships for the Early Childhood Administrative Credential Certificate are available through the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association T.E.A.C.H. program (<http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/t-e-a-c-h/>).

## Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Additional Information

**State Licensure Disclosure:** Moraine Park's Early Childhood Education program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states. Visit the Accreditation (<http://www.morainepark.edu/about-mptc/accreditation/#accreditation>) page for more details about accreditation and licensure.

Note: Students must purchase a smock for this program.

**Important:**

This program does not require a **Criminal Background Check at the point of admission**, but a Criminal Background Check will be required. Students will need to successfully pass a Criminal Background Check to progress in and complete the program. Students will receive information regarding completing this requirement before being placed working/observing in a child care facility.

Please Note:

Moraine Park Technical College does not guarantee

1. Placement to practicum sites;
2. Potential or future employment eligibility beyond graduation;
3. Ability to sit for licensure or certification exams or achievement of credentials related to licensure or certification.

Taking a course within the Early Childhood Education curriculum prior to completing and passing a criminal background check does not guarantee enrollment in any one of the four practicum courses required for program completion.

More information regarding barred offenses that may impact a person's ability to work at a child care center can be found here: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5206.pdf>

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements

## Credit for Prior Learning

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student

Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
307-110	ECE: Social Studies, Art, Music and Movement	3
307-151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Development	3
307-167	ECE: Health Safety & Nutrition	3
307-174	ECE: Introductory Practicum	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
890-101	College 101	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
307-108	ECE: Early Language and Literacy	3
307-148	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
307-175 or 307-177	ECE: Preschool Practicum or ECE: Intermediate Practicum	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
307-112	ECE: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math	3
307-175 or 307-177	ECE: Preschool Practicum or ECE: Intermediate Practicum	3
307-187	ECE: Children With Differing Abilities	3
Mathematics Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/mathematics/</a> ) or Natural Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/natural-science/</a> )		3
Social Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
307-195	ECE: Family & Community Relationships	3
307-199	ECE: Advanced Practicum	3
Communication Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/</a> )		3
Social Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
Behavioral Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>63</b>

## Program Outcomes

- Apply child development theory to practice.
- Cultivate relationships with children, family and the community.
- Assess child growth and development.
- Use best practices in teaching and learning.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Integrate health, safety and nutrition practices.

## Pathways

- Early Childhood Education Associate Degree (p. 1)
  - Child Care Services Technical Diploma (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/child-care-services/>)

- Early Childhood Administrative Credential Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/early-childhood-administrative-credential-certificate/>)
- Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/early-childhood-preschool-credential-certificate/>)
- Infant/Toddler Credential Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/infant-toddler-credential-certificate/>)

Earn certificates, a technical diploma and associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

## Career Opportunities

- Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Assistant Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Infant or Toddler Caregiver
- In-Home Nanny
- Early Childhood Special Needs Assistants

## Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$27,037