

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to work as teacher-caregivers in early childhood settings. It combines hands-on fieldwork in area centers with related academic work at the college. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. They create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning activities, and work cooperatively with staff and parents.

**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

**CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Lakeshore credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit [lakeshore.edu/future-students/transfer](https://lakeshore.edu/future-students/transfer).

**ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

- Submit online application.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Get Started at Lakeshore appointment:
  - Application Check-in
  - College Orientation Overview
  - 1st Time Program Registration

*\*Submit high school transcripts, college transcripts, and test scores (optional, highly recommended). Official transcripts will be needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.*

**ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS/FUTURE SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

If applicable, complete program-specific academic preparedness requirements and enrollment steps prior to enrolling in occupational or core courses. Students will be notified if there is a program waitlist. View the college's program webpage for details: <https://lakeshore.edu/programs-and-courses/career-areas/education-training/early-childhood-education>.

**APPROXIMATE COSTS**

- \$152.85 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$9.17 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit [lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid/tuition-and-fees](https://lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid/tuition-and-fees) for details.
- Fingerprint-based background check current fee of \$39 (subject to change)

**FINANCIAL AID**

This program is eligible for financial aid. Visit [lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid](https://lakeshore.edu/Financial-Aid) for more information.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

- CPR/AED and First Aid certification must be completed before the start of Field Experience 1 and remain current throughout the placement.
- ECE: Health, Safety & Nutrition is a prerequisite to Field Placement 1. To keep a student on track to graduation, this course is offered summer, fall and spring terms. In addition, Field Placement 1 is offered fall and spring terms. Field Placements 2, 3, and 4 are offered summer, fall and spring. Please meet with your Lakeshore academic counselor to plan the best path for you.
- Field Placement 1 students are required to attend all course reflections to receive required trainings (36 hours of lecture + 72 hours of field experience).
- Field Placements 2, 3, and 4 students are required to attend all course reflection forums as well as scheduled field experience hours for each practicum course (36 hours of lecture + 72 hours of field experience). Students successfully completing year one of the associate degree program are able to graduate with a Child Care Services technical diploma. See academic counselor for details.
- To complete the clinical portion of this program, site specific health and immunization documentation will be required.
- Learn when you want. Progress at your own pace. Receive personalized coaching and support. The full CBE definition may be found at [lakeshore.edu/cbe](https://lakeshore.edu/cbe).

**CONTACT**

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
<b>Term 1</b>		
10307167	ECE: Health, Safety, and Nutrition*	3
10307160	ECE: Field Experience 1	3
10307148	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education*	3
10307151	ECE: Infant & Toddler Development*	3
10307110	ECE: Social Studies, Art & Music*	3
10801136	English Composition 1	3
		<b>18</b>
<b>Term 2</b>		
10307170	ECE: Field Experience 2	3
10307179	ECE: Child Development*	3
10307188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior*	3
10307108	ECE: Early Language & Literacy*	3
10809172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3
		<b>15</b>
<b>Term 3</b>		
10307190	ECE: Field Experience 3	3
10307195	ECE: Family and Community Relationships*	3
10307187	ECE: Children with Differing Abilities*	3
10804189	Introductory Statistics	3
10809196	Introduction to Sociology	3
		<b>15</b>
<b>Term 4</b>		
10307210	ECE: Field Experience 4	3
10307112	ECE: STEM*	3
10801198	Speech	3
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	3
		<b>12</b>
		<b>TOTAL 60</b>

\*CBE delivery only

*Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your academic counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2025-2026 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year.*

**ECE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT**...examines child development within the context of the early childhood education setting. This course focuses on children ages 3 -8 years.

**ECE: CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES**...focuses on the child with differing abilities in an inclusive early childhood education setting while examining strategies for cultivating partnerships with families and community supports.

**ECE: GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR**...examines positive strategies to guide children's behavior in the early childhood education setting. This course meets the requirements of the Wisconsin Pyramid Model training.

**ECE: HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION**...examines the topics of health, safety, and nutrition within the context of the early childhood educational setting. This course includes training for Abusive Head Trauma, SIDS, and Mandated Reporter certifications.

**ECE: EARLY LANGUAGE & LITERACY**...explores strategies to encourage the development of early language and literacy knowledge and skill building in children birth to 8 years of age.

**ECE: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS**...examines the role of relationships with family and community in early childhood education. In this course, students will complete the Strengthening Families Training.

**ECE: FIELD EXPERIENCE 1**...you will be introduced to the foundations of early childhood education under guided supervision of a mentor teacher in an early childhood setting, working with children birth through age 8. This course meets the requirements for the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards 18-hour training. **CONDITION:** 103071 Early Childhood Education or 313071 Child Care Services admission requirements met and **PREREQUISITE:** 10307167 ECE: Health, Safety, and Nutrition

**ECE: FIELD EXPERIENCE 2**...you will assist the mentor teacher in carrying out classroom routines and implementing developmentally appropriate learning experiences that promote child development and learning through play. **CONDITION:** 103071 Early Childhood Education or 313071 Child Care Services admission requirements met and **PREREQUISITE:** 10307160 ECE: Field Experience 1

**ECE: FIELD EXPERIENCE 3**...you will support young children's development through observation, assessment, and implementation of developmentally appropriate teaching strategies. **CONDITION:** 103071 Early Childhood Education or 313071 Child Care Services admission requirements met and **PREREQUISITE:** 10307170 ECE: Field Experience 2

**ECE: FIELD EXPERIENCE 4**...you will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of children and families as you practice the lead teacher role to design, implement, and evaluate a connected unit of learning experiences. **CONDITION:** 103071 Early Childhood Education or 313071 Child Care Services admission requirements met and **PREREQUISITE:** 10307190 ECE: Field Experience 3

**ECE: FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**...introduces the early childhood profession through a historical overview of the field. The course will explore program trends, quality indicators, and developmentally appropriate practices for children birth to age 8.

**ECE: INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT**...explores infant and toddler development as it applies to an early childhood education setting. This course focuses children conception through thirty-six months. This course includes training for Wisconsin Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care certification.

**ECE: SOCIAL STUDIES, ART, & MUSIC**...focuses on beginning level curriculum development in the specific integrated content areas of social studies, art, music, & movement (SSAMM).

**ECE: STEM**...focuses on beginning level curriculum development in the specific integrated content areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION 1**...is designed for learners to develop knowledge and skills in all aspects of the writing process. Planning, organizing, writing, editing and revising are applied through a variety of activities. Students will analyze audience and purpose, use elements of research, and format documents using standard guidelines. Individuals will develop critical reading skills through analysis of various written documents. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.

**INTRODUCTION TO DIVERSITY STUDIES**...introduces learners to the study of diversity from a local to a global environment using a holistic, interdisciplinary approach. Encourages self-exploration and prepares the learner to work in a diverse environment. In addition to an analysis of majority/minority relations in a multicultural context, the primary topics of race, ethnicity, age, gender, class, sexual orientation, disability, religion are explored. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor

**INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY**...introduces students to a survey of the multiple aspects of human behavior. It involves a survey of the theoretical foundations of human functioning in such areas as learning, motivation, emotions, personality, deviance and pathology, physiological factors, and social influences. It directs the student to an insightful understanding of the complexities of human relationships in personal, social, and vocational settings. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**...introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multi-culturalism, and the five institutions, including family, government, economics, religion, and education. Other topics include demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, social organization, and workplace issues. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.

**INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS**...prepares students to display data with graphs, describe distributions with numbers perform correlation and regression analyses, and design experiments. They use probability and distributions to make predictions, estimate parameters, and test hypotheses. They draw inferences about relationships including ANOVA. Discuss math and reading academic course support with your Counselor.

**SPEECH**...explores the fundamentals of effective oral presentation to small and large groups. Topic selection, audience analysis, methods of organization, research, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, including the listening process, form the basis of the course. Discuss reading academic course support with your Counselor.