

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Early Childhood Education Degree Early Childhood Education Certificate



The Associate of Early Childhood Education

Degree is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in early childhood education. The program's focus is to prepare associate degree students for their vocation as a center director, pre-school teacher, outreach assessment caseworker, or paraprofessional in an elementary school setting. NOTE: The Early Childhood Education Core prepares students to operate a child care facility. This core is not guaranteed to transfer to a four-year college. Those planning to teach elementary school should complete requirements for an Associate of General Studies and meet with Glen Oaks' counselors for course requirements for specific transfer schools.

62 Credits

The Certificate in Early Childhood Education

is aimed at introducing students to the field of early childhood education. The certificate's focus is to enhance the knowledge of those students currently working in the field or to prepare certificate students for an entry-level career in early childhood education, such as an assistant pre-school teacher or parent educator. Courses in this area will prepare students to complete the necessary paperwork and the portfolio for the National CDA exam. This certificate applies toward the Associate of Early Childhood Education Degree.

41 Credits

JOB OUTLOOK

Child care is one of the most satisfying careers imaginable. You can help a child and make a difference in their lives. Trained people are needed for nursery schools, Head Start and preschools, public schools, daycare centers, and corporate programs.

The demand for skilled child care workers is high. The U.S. Department of Labor forecasts the demand for child care providers will increase 26% by 2010. Public awareness about childcare issues has increased dramatically. People want to ensure that children are safe and nurtured outside the home by high quality caregivers. The number of two-income families and single-parent homes continues to rise and people expect safe, clean, well-organized child care centers for their offspring.

Employers look for people with an Associate Degree in Child Care Education, or at least a Certificate in Child Care. Graduates then get their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential by passing an assessment exam. With the proper training and credentials, graduates generally earn between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year.

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REQUIREMENT COURSEWORK:

Communications (6 credit hours)

COM 121 English Composition*	3 Credits
COM 122 English Composition*	3 Credits

Humanities (8 credit hours)

The following course must be taken:

HUL 233 Children's Literature*	4 Credits
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and 4 hours chosen from the following:

ART 220 History of Art I	4 Credits
ART 221 History of Art II	4 Credits
HUA 100 Art Appreciation	4 Credits
HUF 161 Spanish I	4 Credits
HUF 162 Spanish II*	4 Credits
HUF 163 Spanish III*	4 Credits
HUF 261 Spanish IV*	4 Credits
HUH 101 Modern Culture and the Arts	4 Credits
HUM 150 Music Appreciation	4 Credits
HUM 151 Music Appreciation: Jazz & Pop	4 Credits
HUP 210 Ethics*	4 Credits
HUP 230 Philosophy	3 Credits
HUR 231 Comparative Religions	4 Credits
HUR 232 Old Testament	4 Credits
HUR 233 New Testament	4 Credits

SSH 101 Western Civilization I:

Ancient World to 1715*	4 Credits
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SSH 102 Western Civilization II:

Europe c. 1700 to Present*	4 Credits
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Social Sciences (8 credit hours)

The following course must be taken:

SSP 210 Human Growth & Development*	4 Credits
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and 4 hours chosen from the following:

SSG 110 American Government and Political Science*	4 Credits
SSH 202 U.S. History II: Reconstruction to the Present*	4 Credits

Natural Science (8 credit hours)

NSB 120 Biology	4 Credits
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NSM 104 Intermediate Algebra* **OR**

NSM 105 Fundamentals of Modern Math*	4 Credits
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Physical Education Activity (2 credit hours)

NSH 106 Wellness & Life Styles	2 Credits
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Early Childhood Education Core (27 credit hours)

See Early Childhood Education Certificate (right)

Total.....62 Credits

*Course has a prerequisite

NOTE: Students should contact a counselor after taking 15 credit hours but less than 30 credit hours to find out about completing the Michigan Competency Test if they plan to transfer to a four-year school.

Effective: Fall 2004

REQUIRED COURSEWORK:

COM 121 English Composition*	3 Credits
EDP 101 Introduction to Computers & Software	4 Credits
HUL 233 Children's Literature*	4 Credits
NSH 250 Physical Education for the Elementary Teacher	2 Credits
SSE 101 Early Childhood Development I	4 Credits
SSE 102 Early Childhood Development II	4 Credits
SSE 120 Introduction to Early Childhood	3 Credits
SSE 202 Early Childhood Curriculum*	3 Credits
SSE 203 Administration of Early Childhood Programs*	4 Credits
SSE 210 Positive Child Guidance	3 Credits
SSE 271 Internship* (center-based)	3 Credits

Electives (3 hours required)

HUA 270 Art for the Elementary Teacher	4 Credits
HUF 112 Spanish for Teachers	3 Credits
HUM 190 Music for the Classroom Teacher	4 Credits
SSE 201 Developmental Disabilities*	3 Credits
SSE 214 Early Childhood Assessment*	3 Credits
SSE 270 The Diverse Learner*	3 Credits

Total41 Credits

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Articulation Agreements with local schools for early college credit

Glen Oaks Community College Early Childhood Program has articulation agreements with the St. Joseph County CTE Program and the Elkhart County Career Center. High School students enrolled in the early childhood education program in these counties are eligible to earn college credit toward a degree or certificate in Early Childhood Education at Glen Oaks.

Scholarships Available

Glen Oaks Community College participates in the Michigan 4C Association T.E.A.C.H. program which offers scholarships to students who are currently working in the field of early childhood education. The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship will pay 80% of tuition and books for six credits per semester, along with a travel stipend. Scholarships are renewable each semester.

The T.E.A.C.H. program also offers scholarships for our graduates in Early Childhood Education who wish to complete a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Glen Oaks Community College offers early childhood education students the Kristy's Kids Scholarship Program. This program offers several \$500 scholarships to students enrolled in the program and is renewable each year.

Sample of Courses

SSE 101 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT I

4 Credits, 4 Contacts

This course will examine the physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, and language development of children from conception through age 3. Focus is on critical periods, bonding, care giving, appropriate environments, and strategies to enhance development. A key component of this course includes field observations and behavioral assessments of young children.

Prerequisite: None

SSE 102 EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT II

4 Credits, 4 Contacts

This course will examine the physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, and language development of children ages three to eight. Focus is on play, supportive guidance, interactions with others, inclusion, appropriate environments, activities, current trends, and strategies to enhance development. Students will be expected to complete field observations and experiences in several preschool and early elementary school settings.

Prerequisite: None

SSE 120 INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

3 Credits, 3 Contacts

This survey course introduces students to various theories and philosophies of childcare, developmentally appropriate practice, critical periods of development for children ages newborn to age eight, and the CDA functional areas. Students will be expected to complete 30 hours of observation in an early childhood setting. Students will apply knowledge based on either an infant-toddler or preschool emphasis.

Prerequisite: None

Note: A complete description of all courses is available at www.glenoaks.edu

SSE 202 EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM

3 Credits, 3 Contacts

This course emphasizes planning and implementation of developmentally appropriate materials and activities in cognitive, language, physical and creative (drama, music, art) areas. Students will become knowledgeable of basic skills, developmental sequence and concepts of promoting children's problem solving, communication, motor abilities, and creative process. There is a focus on specific strategies and procedures that will enhance the growth of internal self-control. These skills will include learning how to listen and talk with young children, methods of effective discipline, and increasing children's ability to make choices.

Prerequisite: SSE 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education or SSE 101 Early Childhood Development I or SSE 102 Early Childhood Development II or concurrently with SSE 120, SSE 101 or SSE 102.

SSE 203 ADMINISTRATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

4 Credits, 4 Contacts

This course will enhance the student's understanding of the total range of administrative responsibilities in early childhood education programs. The course is designed to offer an overview of interpersonal communication, financial responsibilities, licensing, personal certification, staffing and evaluation of overall programs.

Prerequisite: SSE 120 or SSE 101 or SSE 102 or all concurrently.

SSE 210 POSITIVE CHILD GUIDANCE

3 Credits, 3 Contacts

This course examines theoretical approaches to guidance, age appropriate intervention strategies, observation techniques, and group management skills. Emphasis is on positive development of child's self-esteem and positive communication with families.

Prerequisite: None

Preparation

Current High School Students:

To be prepared to enter directly into the first semester of college courses, the college recommends that you complete a Secondary School Business or Health Career Pathway Sequence provided at many schools. Check with your High School Counselor for High School Graduation requirements and possible Articulation Agreements. Courses might include English, Math, General Science or Lab Science, Basic Keyboarding, Computers, Psychology/Sociology and Health Sciences.

Adults Returning to College:

Don't underestimate your life experience!

A Glen Oaks Community College counselor can help you assess your life experience and suggest how you can best apply those skills to your academic goals.

Is a career in child care right for you?

- Do you enjoy children and feel a commitment to help children and families?
- Do you want to help children learn when they are at an early age?
- Do you enjoy the curiosity of a child and his or her hunger for knowledge?
- Do you enjoy children from toddlers to kindergarten?
- Do you want to help children by building their confidence, self-esteem, and developing their educational abilities and school confidence?

Career Resources

Glen Oaks Career Counseling Services
Student Services Department
(269) 467-9945 or (888) 994-7818
www.glenoaks.edu

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Michigan Occupational Information System MOIS
www.mois.org

National Child Care Association (NCCA)
www.nccanet.org

National Network for Child Care (NNCC)
www.nncc.org

Child Care Law Center
www.childcarelaw.org

Affirmative Action Statement:

The Board of Trustees of Glen Oaks Community College affirms that through its admission, recruitment, employment and educational policies, practices, and programs, the College seeks to provide equal opportunity and affirmative action for everyone. The College shall not discriminate against anyone because of race, sex, color, religion, age, creed, national origin, height, weight, marital status or disability.



Glen Oaks graduate Mechele Schlabach operates a popular day care center in Shipshewana, Indiana. "I had been out of school for 22 years when I decided to go to college. Many of my classes were online. I love seeing the children grow and learn each day," she said.

Selecting a child care center for their children is often an overwhelming task for many parents. It is an important decision because parents know the early years of child care are critical to long-term development. Glen Oaks Community College strives to give all Child Care Education graduates the many skills needed to provide high quality care to children from infants and toddlers to preschool and kindergarten. This is training that prepares graduates for the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Personalized educational and career planning
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Flexible schedules: day, evening, distance learning online/video classes
- Tutorial programs and free tutoring
- Modern labs and computer information classrooms
- Full-service library/computer center
- Small class size & caring, knowledgeable instructors

This publication is intended to provide a general overview of the program. For current specific requirements, consult with a Glen Oaks Community College academic counselor. *September 2004*

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