

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

**Purpose:** RCTC's Early Childhood Care and Education program offers a 25-credit certificate in Child Development and a 60-credit Transfer Pathway AS degree in Early Childhood Education. The Child Development certificate is embedded in the AS degree. The 25-credit certificate in Child Development meets the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) educational requirement for assistant teachers and teachers in child care centers. DHS Rule 3 requires additional work experience to be hired as an assistant teacher or teacher. Students are encouraged to seek employment as a program assistant or child care assistant in a licensed early childhood program upon entrance to RCTC.

**Award**

*Child Development Certificate* ..... 16 credits total  
*ECCE curriculum* ..... 12 credits  
*MnTC curriculum/General Education*..... 4 credits

<b>RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE</b>			
<i>Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <a href="https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306">https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306</a>.</i>			
<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
ECCE 1001 Intro to Early Childhood Care and Education	3 cr	ECCE 1232 Positive Guidance & Social-Emotional Development	3 cr
Or	or	ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically I	4 cr
ECCE 1220 Health, Safety and Wellness	3 cr		
ECCE 1210 Child Growth and Development	3 cr		
ECCE 1235 Intentional Teaching Through Learning Environments	3 cr		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>RECOMMENDED PART-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE</b>			
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<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>	
ECCE 1001 Intro to Early Childhood Care and Education	3 cr	ECCE 1232 Positive Guidance & Social-Emotional Development	3 cr
ECCE 1210 Child Growth and Development	3 cr	ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically I	4 cr
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>			
ECCE 1235 Intentional Teaching Through Learning Environments	3 cr		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>3</b>		

Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.rctc.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions>.