The Program

Real world experience is the key when learning how to best work with young children. Mayville State University’s early childhood program provides hands-on experience in our Child Development Center and prepares you to make an impact on the lives of young children. The early childhood Associate program is also offered as an online program option.

MSU’s early childhood program will give you the opportunity to further your professional growth. Courses completed in the A.A. program can be applied directly to bachelor’s programs in early childhood, and the program takes full advantage of distance learning opportunities to provide flexibility.

Advantages

Hands-on experiences. The early childhood program offers you several opportunities for hands-on experiences working with preschool students and teachers. MSU’s on-campus Child Development Center is a great place for early childhood students to work with young children. The MSU Child Development Programs include licensed child care for children six weeks to six years old, Head Start for eligible children ages 3 to 5 years, Early Head Start for children ages six weeks to three years, and after-school care for local elementary students.

Flexibility. The early childhood program uses distance learning technology to provide the kind of flexible experience that meets the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students.

Personal Service

We pride ourselves on being just the right size to give students the time they need to be successful. Our average class size is 15, so you will have small, personalized class settings with a technologic focus for you to receive the education that you deserve. Your professors will introduce you to new ways of thinking, explore issues creatively, and evaluate ideas as you engage in the world.

Flexible

Interactive Video Network (IVN) classes are offered evenings for working adults. Summer classes allow you to focus and complete a course in a shorter time frame, and online class options are available for many course requirements.

Success

Our students get jobs. Period. We also have internship opportunities to give you real, hands-on learning experiences and make your resume stand out.

Value

The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best in the Midwest College, as designated by the Princeton Review. MSU was also named one of the 2014 top three Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.
### Early Childhood: Associate of Arts

The Early Childhood Associate degree prepares students to teach in a variety of preschool settings. In this program, students complete courses to total no less than 65 S.H. Early Childhood Associate majors complete 36 hours of essential studies courses. A Head Start distance learning program provides North Dakota Head Start teachers the opportunity to complete Early Childhood A.A. degrees or minors. Students may consider additional coursework in the early childhood specialization areas as an enhancement to their AA degree. Early Childhood Associates complete 36 hours of essential studies courses including CIS 175, COMM 110, ENGL 110, ENGL 120 or ENGL 125, and PSYC 111, which are required courses for this major.

HPER 100-Concepts of Fitness and Wellness, CIS 112-Introduction to Word Processing, CIS 114-Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications, CIS 118-Introduction to Presentation Graphics are institutional requirements (5 SH).

#### Core Requirements:

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Sub-total 28 SH

**Essential Studies Courses 36 SH**

**Institutional Requirements 5 SH**

Total 69 SH

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### Next Steps

1. **Apply for Admission**
   The first step in becoming a Mayville State degree seeking student is applying for admission. You can complete your Application for Admission online at: www.mayvillestate.edu. Once there, click on “Apply Now!” A $35 application fee is required.

2. **Submit Official College Transcripts**
   You must also submit official college transcripts from all schools you have attended. Please have your transcripts mailed to: Admissions Office, Mayville State University, 330 Third Street NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

3. **Apply for Financial Aid**
   To apply for federal and state financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and list Mayville State University (Title IV school code 002993) as one of your schools of choice. To receive top priority for grants and loans, submit your FAFSA by March 15 at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

4. **Watch your Mail and Email**
   Keep an eye on your mailbox and your email inbox. You will receive a number of important letters and emails from Mayville State including your letter of admission, information about registration and other important information to get started with your classes.

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If you have any questions regarding this program or any other program, call 800.437.4104, ext. 34721 or go online to: www.MayvilleState.edu