BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD + LICENSURE

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE



100% ONLINE

Access class anywhere, anytime each week.

MOST AFFORDABLE

One of the most affordable programs with scholarships available.

HIGHLY MANAGEABLE

Take one 8-week class at a time; earn your teaching degree in 3 years or less.

BEST VALUE

Apply what you learn immediately and in new teaching opportunities.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING DEGREE

This program is designed for working professionals who have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree and seek to teach students from PK to third grade.

Aligned with Iowa teaching license requirements, the program offers a flexible online pathway to an early childhood teaching degree with a Birth through Grade Three, Inclusive Setting endorsement.

Prepare for employment opportunities in a program focused on empowering you to educate and inspire the youngest learners.

MULTIPLE START DATES

Begin your program in any **Fall, Spring** or **Summer** semester! *(classes begin every 8-weeks)*

NEXT STEPS

Connect with us! Visit our website or reach out directly to request more information.

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Free application → nwciowa.edu/online/apply

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Incoming students must have an associate's (AA, AS, AAS) degree or higher from an accredited institution.
- After completing 12 credits in the B.A. Early Childhood program, students will apply to the licensure program track.

SEAMLESS TRANSFER

A completed associate's degree automatically transfers to fulfill Northwestern's general education requirements. Your enrollment counselor will help determine any additional transfer credits.

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY & PACE

Designed for working professionals, you can log in to complete coursework each week when it's most convenient for you. Take one 8-week class at a time and balance work, school and life responsibilities. All coursework is offered online, with field experience hours and student teaching arranged in schools near the student.

With flexible pace options, complete your teaching degree in two and a half to three years.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA

Educators pursuing a bachelor's in early childhood may be eligible for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA. The comprehensive scholarship program provides the early childhood workforce with educational opportunities. The majority of your degree could be funded through this program. Visit iowaaeyc.org/teach.cfm for more information.

PROGRAM COURSES (67 CREDITS)

124 total credits are required including transferred credits.

Professional core (21 credits)

EDU 229 Introduction to Early Childhood
EDU 230 Organization & Administration of Early Childhood Programs
EDU 240 Integrating the Arts in the Elementary Classroom
EDU 300 Characteristics of Young Children with Diverse Needs
EDU 301 Methods of Working with Young Children with Diverse Needs
EDU 317 Collaborative Partnerships with Parents and the Community
EDU 340 Human Relations

Licensure requirements (25 credits)

ECE 328 STEM Methods for Young Children
ECE 425WI Children's Health & Well Being
ECE 323 Methods of Early Numeracy
PSY 221SS Developmental Psychology: Childhood
ECE 326 Methods of Teaching Reading & Language Arts
ECE 329 Methods of Teaching Social Sciences for Young Children
ECE 228 Young Children's Literature
ECE 320 Positive Behavioral Supports for Young Children

Student teaching & seminar (17 credits)

EDU 429 Birth through Grade Three Inclusive Settings Student Teaching
ECE 450SR The Early Childhood Professional Portfolio

Northwestern education core courses (4 credits)

Accepted as transfer credits or taken at Northwestern
BTS 150 Christian Story I

Additional requirement

First Aid/CPR certification

License requirement

PRAXIS & PLT exam

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