Available in comprehensive high schools

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Education curriculum is delivered through a sequence of four classes: Honors Child & Adolescent Development, Child Development Laboratory, Advanced Child Development Laboratory, and Early Childhood Education Seminar and Internship. These courses are designed to provide students with an in-depth study of child development and teaching young children. The two credit seminar and internship will be done at a certified child care center or elementary school.

Major Units of Study
- Human development from birth to adolescence
- Actual experience and observation of three and four year old children in the preschool laboratory
- Childhood personality theories and behavior patterns
- Preschool operation
- Nurturing the components of intelligence
- School readiness
- Integration of content and pedagogical knowledge in an early childhood educational setting
- Portfolio development

Related Careers
- Preschool teacher
- Elementary school teacher
- Day care provider

Post-Secondary
- Qualified students can earn up to 6 Articulated college credits through articulations with Carroll Community College and Stevenson University
- College
- Technical Schools/Technical Certification
**COMPLETER: Early Childhood Education**

- Guideline for Course Selections
- Refer to Graduation Requirements in the Program of Studies for specific course requirements in each content area

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**Completer Program Requirements**
-Honors Child & Adolescent Development (1)  
-Child Development Laboratory (1)  
-Advanced Child Development Laboratory (1)  
-Early Childhood Education Seminar & Internship (2)

**Career Specific Electives**
(may be taken any year offered after prerequisites have been satisfied)
-Business Communications & Keyboarding (1), Psychology I or Honors Psychology I (1), Sociology (.5), Art Elective (1), AP Psychology (1), Business Principles & Practices (1), Drama I, II, III (.5-1.5), Health II (.5), Music Elective (.5), Peer Facilitating (.5), Personal Relationships & Effective Parenting (1), Public Speaking (.5)

8 credits possible per year

**Value Added: From Program:**
-Requires required State certification hours
-6 Articulated credits
  -Carroll Community College
  -Early Childhood Education
-3-6 Articulated credits
  -Stevenson University
  -Elementary Education or Early Childhood

**End of Program Test:**
-ParaPro Exam
  -Educational Testing Service
-At the end of Seminar & Internship

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