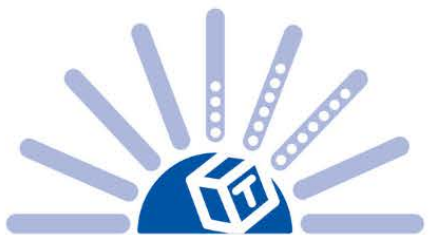


A GUIDE TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR

Child Care & Early Childhood Education Careers in Maine



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Higher Education Early Childhood Education Programs at a Glance

	Associate Degree	Bachelor Degree	Online Classes	Evening and/or Weekend Classes	Articulation Agreements in place for CDA credential
Central Maine Community College	✓		✓	✓	✓
Kennebec Valley Community College	✓		✓		
Eastern Maine Community College	✓		✓	✓	
Southern Maine Community College	✓		✓	✓	
Northern Maine Community College	✓		✓	✓	✓
Washington County Community College	✓		✓	✓	
Thomas College		✓	✓		
University of Maine Augusta		✓	✓		
University of Maine Farmington		✓	✓	✓	
University of Maine Machias		✓	✓		
University of Maine Orono		✓	✓	✓	
University of Maine Presque Isle		✓	✓		



FAIRFIELD, MAINE

Description:

Early Childhood Education is critical to child success in the classroom and influences life-long achievement. Through partnerships with families, reflective practice and evidence-based knowledge, students will graduate prepared to work with today's children and families. The program curriculum emphasizes Developmentally Appropriate Practice and standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The ENTIRE program is offered on-line and live to meet the needs of any aspiring educator looking to earn their Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Degree. Even the field experience courses!

Admission Requirements:

Applicants are required to fill out a admissions application, provide High School diploma or GED certificate and SAT or Accuplacer Scores.

How to Apply:

Visit the KVCC website for an application
[Apply Today!](#)

Degree Program:

Associate in Applied Science Early
Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

64 Total Credits
39 Early Childhood Credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$94 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 15
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 15
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 4-5
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 0

Articulation Agreements in Place:

University of Maine Augusta and University of Maine Farmington. One is in progress with Thomas College through our Lab School Learning Hub partnership with Thomas and Educare Central Maine.

Contact Information:

Kennebec Valley Community College
92 Western Avenue Fairfield, Maine

Early Childhood Education Department
Jessica Pinkham
207-453-3602
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Early Childhood Education

Associate in Applied Science Degree

First Semester

COM104 Introduction to Communication	3
ECE131* Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE136* Intro to Field Placement	1
ECE152* Children’s Literature	3
ENG101 College Composition	3
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3

Second Semester

ECE132* Early Lang & Lit Development	3
ECE140* Fostering Growth and Development: Infants and Toddlers	3
ECE156* Field Experience I - The Use of Observation in the Field	4
MAT112 Foundation of Math for Teachers	3
SOC101 Introduction to Sociology	3

Third Semester

ECE138* Early Learning Environments	3
ECE158* Including Children with Special Needs in Early Childhood Settings	3
ECE200* Field Experience II - Partnerships in Early Childhood	4
PSY215 Developmental Psychology	3
PHI110 Introduction to Contemporary Ethics	3

Fourth Semester

ECE210* Classroom Management	3
ECE215* Weaving in STEAM Education	3
ECE250* Field Experience III - A Focus on Families and Professional Development	6
_____ Lab Science Elective	4
Total Credits	64



AUBURN, MAINE

Description:

The Early Childhood Education associate in applied science degree combines understanding and application of theory to practical experiences working directly with young children, infants through third grade.

Graduates of this program are prepared for transfer to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution or to enter the workforce and build a career.

This program's curriculum is based upon standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and it promotes all facets of current best practices in the field. Successful completion of the ECE program requires students to complete field work in licensed and approved facilities. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Care Licensing, requires students to have a record of SBI (State Bureau of Identification) and a child protective report on file with Central Maine Community College. Students may choose to use this degree as a pathway to earn a Bachelor's Degree in a PreK-3 teaching certification program.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants are required to complete a admission application, high school transcripts, SAT scores or completion of ACCUPLACER. Students will be required to have a record of SBI, DHHS Fingerprinting, and a child protective report on file to complete field work experience.

Degree Program:

Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

62 Total Credits
36 Early Childhood Credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$96 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 9
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 3
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 1
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 2-3

Articulation Agreements in Place:

- 6 credit ECE elective course for CDA credential
- University of Maine Farmington and University of Maine Augusta.

How to Apply:

Visit the CMCC website for an application [Apply Today!](#)

Contact Information:

Central Maine Community College
1250 Turner Street Auburn, Maine

Early Childhood Education Department
Tia Zukowski
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207-755-5278
www.cmcc.edu/

Degree Requirements

Semester I		Credit Hours
ECE 100	Introduction to Early Care and Education	3
ENG ___*	Select one of the following: ENG 101 College Writing ENG 105 College Writing Seminar	3 (4)
PSY 114	Child Development	3
SOC 220	Sociology of the Family	3
MAT ___*	MAT 100 or higher (excludes MAT 104 or 105)	3
EDU 100	Education Seminar	1
Semester II		
ECE 105	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3
ECE 147	Infant and Toddler Field Work & Prep	3
ECE 150	Language and Literacy for Young Children	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
COM ___	Select one of the following: COM 100 Public Speaking COM 101 Interpersonal Communication	3
Semester III		
ECE 113	Curriculum and Environments for Young Children	3
ECE 297	Pre-School Field Experience	3
ECE 205	Education of Children with Special Needs	3
___	Elective: Lab Science; select one of the following sets of courses: BIO 101/102 BIO 115/116 CHY 101/102	4
___	Elective: General Education or ECE	3
Semester IV		
___	Elective: ECE or EDU	3
ECE 299	Capstone in Early Childhood Education	3
EDU 284	Guidance and Self-Regulation	3
___	Elective: ECE	3
___	Writing Course (see catalog)	3
 Total Credit Hour Requirements		 62-63

*Placement determined by assessment test scores and/or prior college coursework



Early Childhood Education Degree Prerequisites/Requirements:
Students will be required to have a record of SBI (State Bureau of Identification) and a child protective report on file with Central Maine Community College. Field experience sites retain the right to accept or deny placement of students based on many conditions, including criminal and child protective records. Therefore, criminal or child protective history could jeopardize an individual's ability to successfully meet all the requirements of the program.

Office of Admissions

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(207) 755-5273 • enroll@cmcc.edu

www.cmcc.edu

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PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE

Description:

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to educate childcare professionals in the skills and knowledge necessary for advanced positions in organizations and agencies that serve children. Whether you select the associate degree or certificate option, you will participate in courses and field experiences in childcare that prepare you for entry-level positions. Many students who complete the associate degree program take advantage of the opportunity to continue their education at a four-year institution. The core courses of this program align with the educational requirements for the Child Development Assistant (CDA) credential.

Admission Requirements:

Admissions requires application, high school transcripts, SAT or ACCUPLACER scores, interview and background check prior to field experience placement

How to Apply:

Visit www.nmcc.edu website for an application
[Apply today.](#)

Degree Program:

2 Options

Associate in Applied Science Early Childhood Education

Or

Early Childhood Certificate

Credits to Graduate:

Associate Degree: 64 Total , 39 ECE

Certificate Program: 33 Total, 21 ECE

Cost per credit hour:

\$96 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 5
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: *Most classes are hybrid, a portion is online and then meet face to face, one time a week*
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 1
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 2

Articulation Agreements in Place:

ECE 101, 105, 192 articulation credit for CDA credential. Articulation agreements in place with University of Maine Presque Isle.

Contact Information:

Northern Maine Community College
33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle
Maine

Early Childhood Education Department:
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207-768-2785

<https://www.nmcc.edu/>

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

2021-2022 Curriculum

Associate in Applied Science Degree Program

<u>First Semester</u>		C	L	F	CR
◆ ECE 101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development in the Young Child	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 192	Field Experience in ECE I	0	0	9	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
	Math Elective	3	0	0	3
		12	0	9	15
<u>Second Semester</u>					
◆ ECE 120	Programmatic/Professional Development in the Child Care Field	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 196	Field Experience in ECE II	1	0	9	4
◆ ECE 200	Child Growth & Development	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 205	Children's Literature	3	0	0	3
ENG 111	English Composition	3	0	0	3
		13	0	9	16
<u>Third Semester</u>					
BIO 114	Human Biology	3	2	0	4
COM 111	Speech	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 210	Child Guidance/Discipline	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 230	Curriculum in ECE (Birth-3)	3	0	0	3
ENG 226	Introduction to Literature	3	0	0	3
		15	2	0	16
<u>Fourth Semester</u>					
CIS 113	Intro to Microcomputer Apps	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 197	Field Experience in ECE III	1	0	12	5
◆ ECE 220	Education of Young Children w/ Special Needs	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 235	Curriculum in ECE (Ages 3-8)	3	0	0	3
SOC 111	Sociology	3	0	0	3
		13	0	12	17
TOTAL REQUIRED					64

Certificate Program

<u>First Semester</u>		C	L	F	CR
◆ ECE 101	Healthy Learning Environments	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 105	Advancing Intellectual & Social Development in the Young Child	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 192	Field Experience in ECE I	0	0	9	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
	OR				
SOC 111	Sociology	3	0	0	3
	Math Elective	3	0	0	3
		12	0	9	15
<u>Second Semester</u>					
CIS 113	Intro. to Microcomputer Apps.	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 120	Programmatic/Professional Development in the Child Care Field	3	0	0	3
◆ ECE 196	Field Experience in ECE II	1	0	9	4
ENG 111	English Composition	3	0	0	3
		10	0	9	13
<u>Summer Semester</u>					
◆ ECE 197	Field Experience in ECE III	1	0	12	5
TOTAL REQUIRED					33

◆ Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" or 2.0 required.

Key: C= Class Hours, L= Lab Hours, CR= Credit Hours

During your first year, you will gain hands-on experience working with children at child care facilities.

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207-768-2785

nmcc.edu



SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

Description:

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to prepare individuals as skilled Early Childhood Education professionals. Graduates will meet state licensing standards for immediate entry into the field or to transfer to a four year institution. The coursework combines theory and practical experiences based on standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). In conjunction with the Early Childhood Education program, Spring Point Children's Center provides quality educational experiences for preschool children, ages 3 to 5. This on-campus, NAEYC-accredited center is a valuable resource providing a laboratory setting for students in the program.

Admission Requirements:

Admissions requires high school transcripts, SAT or ACCUPLACER scores and application

How to Apply:

Visit www.smcc.edu for an application
[Apply Today.](#)

Degree Program:

Associate in Applied Science Degree
in Early Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

63 Credits Total
40 Early Childhood Credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$96 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 12-14
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 8.
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 1-2
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 6

Most classes are offered as hybrids with weekly face-to-face meetings via Zoom and additional work done online. Additional fully online classes are being developed

Articulation Agreements in Place:

No formal articulation agreements for CDA

Articulation agreements are in place with University of Maine Systems

Contact Information:

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Early Childhood Education Department
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***SMCC Associate in Applied Science
Early Childhood Education Program Pathway***

First Semester	Credits
FIG 100	1
ECED-100 Intro to ECE	3
ECED 110 Child Development	3
ENGL 100 English Composition	3
MATH 115 Foundation of Math for Teachers I <i>or</i> MATH 112 Qualitative Reasoning	3
Social Science elective	3
Total Credits	16
Second Semester	
ECED 150 Infant & Toddler Caregiving	3
ECED 210 Teaching Young Children with Exceptionalities	3
ECED 220 Observation & Record Keeping	3
ECED 250 Developing Curriculum for Young Children	3
Science with a Lab	4
Total Credits	16
Third Semester	
ECED 160 Positive Guidance*	3
ECED 200 Children's Literature & Language Arts	3
ECED 225 Student Teaching Practicum I	4
PSYC 100 Intro to Psychology	3
ENGL 115 Intro to Literature	3
Total Credits	16
Fourth Semester	
ECED 270 Home, School, & Community Relationships	3
ECED 275 Student Teaching Practicum I	6
ECE elective	3
ECED-260 Early Childhood Program Administration <i>or</i> EDUC-100 Intro to Teaching	3
ENGL 110 Oral Communications	3
Total Credits	15
Total Credits	63



CALAIS, MAINE

Description:

The Early Childhood Education program has been developed around the standards established by the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the credentialing guidelines for the Child Development Associate (CDA).

The curriculum is designed to provide students with a breadth of knowledge regarding child growth and development. Additionally, students will study age-appropriate curriculum and instructional techniques. A 480-hour field experience is necessary to satisfy the CDA requirement of the Council for Professional Recognition. The Associate in Science degree program is designed to transfer into a baccalaureate program in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or Mental Health and Human Services.

Admission Requirements:

Admissions requires high school transcripts, SAT scores or ACCUPLACER, background checks required prior to field experience

How to Apply:

Visit www.wccc.me.edu for an application
Apply Today.

Degree/Certificate Program:

2 Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree in ECE
OR
Early Childhood Certificate

Credits to Complete/Graduate:

Associate Degree: 62 Total , 36 ECE
Certificate Program: 31 Total, 15 ECE

Cost per credit hour:

\$94 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 3
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 1
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 1
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 2

Articulation Agreements in Place:

Nothing formal for CDA credential but upon case by case review of CDA Portfolio and Resource File – will give experiential credit up to 9 credits.

Articulation agreements with 4 year colleges include University of Maine Farmington and University of Maine Augusta

Contact Information:

Washington County Community College
One College Drive, Calais, Maine

Linda Levesque

Early Childhood Education Instructor
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Early Childhood Education
Associate in Applied Science - 62 credit hours

Course #	Course Title	Credits
Semester 1		
ECE101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
EDU190	Field Experience in ECE, Elementary or High School I	3
ENG101	College Composition	3
FYE100	First Year Experience	1
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY195	Child and Adolescent Development	3
	Total	16
Semester 2		
ECE103	Management, Professional & Personal Development in Early Childhood Education	3
EDU195	Field Experience in ECE, Elementary or High School II	3
MAT	Math Elective of MAT112 or above	3
SED220	Education of Young Children with Special Needs	3
SOC101 or SOC102	Introduction to Sociology or Sociology of the Family	3
	Total	15
Semester 3		
BIO120	General Biology	4
ECE210	Child Guidance and Discipline	3
ECE230	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Age 3)	3
ENG180	Children's Literature	3
ENG107	Speech	3
	Total	16
Semester 4		
ECE235	Curriculum in Early Childhood Education (Ages 3-8)	3
ECE290	Internship in Early Childhood Education	6
Elective	Approved Education or Nutrition Elective	3
Elective	Approved Humanities/Fine Arts elective	3
	Total	15



BANGOR, MAINE

Description:

Early Childhood Education prepares individuals for rewarding careers as skilled early childhood professionals. The Associate in Applied Science Degree offers the theoretical foundation and practical learning experiences for success in a wide variety of occupations working with young children from birth through age eight, including those children with special developmental and learning needs. Students may choose to use this degree as a pathway to earn a Bachelor's Degree in a PreK-3 teaching certification program.

The Early Childhood Certificate program prepares individuals for entry-level positions at institutions and agencies serving young children and for in-service personnel who want to upgrade their skills.

Admission Requirements:

Required to have completed High School level Algebra 1. All ECE students must receive fingerprint clearance from Maine's Department of Education prior to registration for second semester in order to complete field experience work.

How to Apply:

Visit www.emcc.edu for an application.
Apply Today

Degree Program:

2 Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree in ECE
OR
Early Childhood Certificate

Credits to Complete/Graduate:

Associate Degree: 62 Total , 37 ECE
Certificate Program: 34 Total, 25 ECE

Cost per credit hour:

\$96 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 8-10
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 3 are online. 3 are in hybrid format.
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 0
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 5

Articulation Agreements in Place:

No formal articulation for CDA credential. Students welcome to submit their portfolio for assessment. Course credit can be granted, generally it is for the early childhood elective course.

Articulation agreements with 4 year colleges include: Husson University, University of Maine Orono University of Maine Farmington, University of Maine Augusta, and University of Maine Machias

Contact Information:

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354 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine

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ECE Department Chair
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CAMPUS TOURS AVAILABLE

Call 207.974.4780 or schedule an appointment on our website.

www.emcc.edu/earlychildhood

Prerequisites

AAS Degree: High school level Algebra I required.

Certificate: High school level Algebra I required.

Still in high school? Concurrent enrollment agreements with many high schools and technical education centers are available. Information can be found online at: www.emcc.edu/academics/programs/early-college/



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Associate in Applied Science Degree

1ST SEMESTER CREDITS

- ECE-110 **Child & Adolescent Development**** (3)
- ECE-116 **Early Literacy Development**** (3)
- ENG-101 **College Composition**** (3)
- Elective **General Education Course**** (3)
- Elective **General Education Course**** (3)

2ND SEMESTER CREDITS

- ECE-117 **Observing & Recording in the Field**** (3)
- ECE-127 **Cognitive & Affective Development**** (3)
- ECE-131 **Infant & Toddler Curriculum**** (3)
- Elective **General Education Course** (3)
- Elective **General Education Course** (3)

General Education Elective Distribution (100 level or higher)
 Communication (3)
 Humanities or Social Science (9)
 Math or Science (minimum of one MAT and one lab science) (10)

^Students must enroll in one of three Essential Learning Outcome capstone courses - ENG-205, ENG-215, or PSY-214

Denotes courses required to complete the **Certificate in Early Childhood Education. In addition, students will need a humanities or social science elective and a math elective. Total credits: 34

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LIVE ON CAMPUS



Did you know that EMCC has TWO residence halls on campus?

Built in 2007, Kineo Hall houses students in "blocks" (two double-occupancy rooms with four people of the same gender) or triple-occupancy rooms. Each is individually climate controlled and shares a common bathroom, with double sinks, a shower and a toilet stall.

Acadia Hall houses students in corridor-style double or triple occupancy rooms.

Rooms range from \$1,850 - \$2,250 per semester.

Studies show that students who live on campus not only tend to have higher GPA's, but they are also more likely to complete their education and get more out of their college experience.

Visit www.emcc.edu/housing to learn more!

3RD SEMESTER CREDITS

- ECE-216 **Survey of Exceptionalities**** (3)
- ECE-220 **Numeracy, Environments, & Integrated Curriculum for Young Children**** (3)
- ECE-232 **Field Placement II**** (4)
- Elective **General Education Course** (3)
- Elective **General Education Course** ^ (4)

4TH SEMESTER CREDITS

- ECE-221 **STEM Curriculum for Young Children** (3)
- ECE-233 **Field Placement III** (6)
- Elective **Education Course** (any ECE or EDB not already required) (3)
- Elective **General Education Course** (3-4)

▶ **TOTAL AAS DEGREE CREDITS** 62-63



ORONO, MAINE

Description:

The state-approved Early Childhood Education concentration in the Child Development and Family Relations major focuses on preparing professionals to work with children ages 0-8 and their families. Students graduating with this concentration will have 2 certification pathways: Early Childhood Education B-5 certification and K-Grade 3 certification.

In ECE, the emphasis on child development beginning in infancy is foundational for teachers as they plan appropriate experiences for young children. Curriculum courses integrate all curriculum areas and address content within the context of inclusive education. Family involvement is integral to all early childhood classes. Graduates leave the program with understanding of how children learn, how teachers can best promote learning, the crucial role of the family and how teachers and parents can work together for the best interests of children.

Admission Requirements:

A completed application, high school transcripts and SAT scores

How to Apply:

Visit <https://go.umaine.edu/apply/> for an application.

Degree Program:

Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Relations with a concentration in Early Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

120 Total
36 ECE plus 15 Student Teaching

Cost per credit hour:

\$308 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 10
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 3
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 3
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 2

Articulation Agreements in Place:

UMaine is proud to work with Maine colleges and universities to provide clear pathways for students to complete a bachelor's degree at UMaine. UMO has articulation agreements with EMCC and SMCC.

[Read more about UMaine's Transfer Agreements](#)

Contact Information:

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207.581.2441



PRESQUE ISLE. MAINE

Description:

The Elementary Education Major focuses on teaching and learning in the K to 8 environment, with majors required to complete a subject area concentration in Art, Early Childhood Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, or Special Education. The Elementary Education program is based on national standards in each discipline, Maine's K-12 Learning Results, and Maine's Common Core Teacher Standards required by the Maine State Board of Education.

Early Childhood Education – This concentration will enable you to gain an additional endorsement in K-3 education, and in birth through school-age programming as well.

Admission Requirements:

Each applicant for admission is required to submit a completed University of Maine System Application Form or the Common APP. Each applicant must arrange for the forwarding of secondary school transcripts to the Admissions Office.

How to Apply:

Applicants should apply electronically on-line at www.umpi.edu

Degree Program:

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

120 credits total

Cost per credit hour:

\$245 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- *Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 4*
- *Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 4*
- *Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 4 (this includes courses offered in YourPace, our competency-based education platform)*
- *Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: None, though online, asynchronous options would be included.*

Articulation Agreements in Place:

Northern Maine Community College
Eastern Maine Community College

[Read more about UMPI's Credit Transfer Policies](#)

Contact Information:

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181 Main Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769

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FARMINGTON, MAINE

Description:

The University of Maine at Farmington Early Childhood Education major is a high quality program with extensive experiences in children's settings. It has earned a national reputation for preparing highly qualified teachers. The ECE program at UMF is well-respected in part because our students are required to practice in early childhood settings — putting classroom theory into observable hands-on practice. The program is based on National Association for the Education of Young Children standards for teacher preparation and is CAEP accredited. Graduates of UMF's Early Childhood Education program are eligible for jobs in a variety of settings, including childcare, Head Start, pre-Kindergarten, community and recreational programs and grades K-3 in public and private schools

Admission Requirements:

The degree of academic challenge in your high school program of study and rank-in-class (a numerical comparison with other seniors) are significant in the admission decision. Applicants over 25 years old are evaluated on their present motivation and readiness for college in addition to their secondary school record and/or GED results.

Degree Programs:

1. Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, B-5 Certification
2. Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, K-Gr. 3 Certification
3. Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, B-5 and K-Gr. 3 Certification

Credits to Graduate:

1. *Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, B-5 Certification* --128 total credits, 66 ECE
2. *Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, K-Gr. 3 Certification* -- 128 total credits, 86 ECE
3. *Bachelor of Science: Early Childhood Education, B-5 and K-Gr. 3 Certification*--128 total credits, 96 ECE

Cost per credit hour: \$288 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 20
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 1-2
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 1-2
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 2

Articulation Agreements in Place:

CMCC, EMCC, KVCC, NMCC, SMCC, WCCC

[Transfer degree policy](#)

How to Apply:

 Visit

<https://www.umf.maine.edu/admissions-aid/>

Contact Information:

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BACHELOR'S DEGREE OFF- CAMPUS PROGRAM

Description:

University of Maine at Farmington's off-campus program in Early Childhood Education offers working professionals a unique opportunity to complete a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Designed specifically for working professionals, this off-campus program allows you to complete your Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, offering both Birth to 5 and PreK to 3 certification.

Classes are held weekday evenings or on weekends (Friday evenings and Saturdays) at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. Most courses use a hybrid format — a combination of face-to-face and online classes.

Early Childhood Education courses that form the foundation of a UMF Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education are taught by University of Maine at Farmington faculty at Southern Maine Community College.

Coursework prepares students for Maine Birth to Five (081) and K-3 (029) Certification. General Education courses required for this bachelor's degree can be taken at a campus of the candidate's choice.

Admission Process:

Step 1. apply to the University of Maine at Farmington using the ApplyMaine Application. The application requires an essay. An appropriate focus for the essay would be (1) How a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education will further your professional goals and (2) Why you have selected the Off-Campus bachelor's degree program.

Step 2. Have Your Transcripts Mailed Directly to the University. It needs to be your official college transcripts mailed to the University of Maine System Application Processing center directly from the institution.

Advising:

Academic advising will be provided by on-site faculty, via phone and through email. You will be advised individually on the basis of your academic records.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

Description:

You can earn your degree in a range of places, times, and circumstances by taking classes on-site, online, and/or at one of our statewide UMA Centers. No matter where you are, we have options that will suit you.

Prepare for a career in education by completing one of several degree plans through courses, fieldwork, service learning, and student teaching. Education faculty will assist you in gaining content knowledge, teaching skills, and developing personal qualities necessary to the changing classroom of the 21st century. Collaboration with peers and faculty will help you to develop the necessary competencies of Maine's Common Core Teaching Standards. Upon successful completion of all program and state requirements, graduates will be eligible to apply for Maine Teacher Certification.

Admission Requirements:

GPA of 2.5 or equivalent

How to Apply:

Online application:
<https://www.uma.edu/admission/apply/>

Degree Program:

Bachelor of Science in Early Education
with a Minor in Early Childhood Education
or

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a
Minor in Early Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

121 Total Credits
40 ECE Credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$245 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 6
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 6
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 0
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 0

Articulation Agreements in Place:

Kennebec Valley Community College
Washington County Community College
Central Maine Community College
Southern Maine Community College

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MACHIAS, MAINE

Description:

The Bachelor of Science in Education with an Inclusive Early Childhood Concentration prepares students for teacher certification in the State of Maine. This 39-credit concentration leads to teacher preparation in working with young children (birth through age five) with mild to moderate disabilities within inclusive settings and is available online.

Admission Requirements:

A candidate for admission to UMM must be a graduate of, or will have graduated from, a secondary school, or must have passed a state secondary school equivalency examination (GED) or high school equivalency (HiSet). The University recommends a college preparatory high school program as appropriate preparation for the demands of all baccalaureate programs.

How to Apply:

Apply online:
<https://machias.edu/admissions/apply/>

Degree Program:

Bachelor of Science in Education
with a concentration in Inclusive Early
Childhood Education

Credits to Graduate:

120 credits, 23 credit program core +
33-39 credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$282 (in-state & Canadian)

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term: 10
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 10
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 3
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 0

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WATERVILLE, MAINE

Description:

The Early Childhood Education program offers field-based preparation that highlights national Early Head Start, Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and Waldort approaches. Our partnership with Educare of Central Maine provides majors with many opportunities for on-site observations, internships, and student teaching. Primary and early elementary students will experience courses that engage in authentic, relevant learning supported by early childhood practices that are developmentally appropriate, research informed, and classroom ready. Coursework is focused on blending early science, numeracy, literacy, and the creative arts.

Students also have opportunities to participate in professional networking conferences hosted by Maine Association for the Education of Young Children.

Admission Requirements:

Completed admission application, official transcripts and a letter of recommendation.

How to Apply:

Apply online:
<https://www.thomas.edu/apply>

Degree Programs:

1. Bachelor of Science in Child Care Management
2. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education (081 Endorsement)
3. Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education (029 Endorsement: K-3)

Credits to Graduate:

121 credits

Cost per credit hour:

\$965 per credit hour

Program Schedule Options:

- Average # of ECE courses offered each term:
- Average # of ECE courses offered online each term: 4
- Average # of ECE courses offered in Summer term: 0
- Average # of ECE courses offered on nights/weekends: 0

Articulation Agreements in Place:

KVCC (Early Childhood)

Course Transfer agreements: EMCC and SMCC

Students transferring to Thomas from KVCC can take part in the 2+2 articulated program and enter as 3rd year juniors.

Other community college transfers apply and a transfer analysis is done with their transcript

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