The Program

Real world experience is the key when learning how to best work with young children. MSU’s early childhood program provides hands-on experience through our Child Development Center and prepares you to make an impact on the lives of young children. This program is also offered online for distance students.

MSU’s early childhood program will give you the opportunity to further your professional growth. The program will prepare you to work in a variety of leadership positions, including early childhood administrator, supervisor, curriculum specialist and education coordinator in preschool programs. The program takes full advantage of distance and online learning opportunities to provide flexibility.

Advantages

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

Flexibility. The early childhood program uses 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 technological 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.

Opportunity

Whether it’s music, athletics, or politics, students at MSU have the chance to participate in a variety of activities and clubs. These organizations are a great way to make new friends with similar interests, and the involvement outside the classroom looks great on a resume.

Some clubs and activities include:
• Theater
• Band & choir
• Computer Technology Club
• Science Club
• Comet Radio
• Student government
• Intramural sports

Success

Our students get jobs. Period. Job placement rates are consistently 96-98%! 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 2013 top three Public Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.
A Word About Our Grads

Mayville State early childhood graduates find a variety of career opportunities open to them. Students can focus on teaching or administration and can choose from a number of specializations, which can allow graduates of the program to secure positions in:

- Child care
- Preschool teaching
- Paraprofessional jobs
- Head Start
- Infant toddler programs
- Preschool special needs
- After-school programs
- Family day care
- Child care resource and referral
- Administration

At Mayville State you will complete the general education courses, core requirements for the early childhood major, and then choose one specialization.

Specializations

Choose ONE of the specializations listed below:

Administration (16 hours):
- ACCT 200 Principles of Accounting.............................3
- BADM 301 Principles of Marketing.............................3
- BADM 302 Principles Of Management........................3
- BUSN 351 Human Resource Management..................3
- BUSN 491 Professional Development........................1
- EC 375 Supervised Tutorial Experience........................3

Infant/Toddler (16 hours):
- EC 203 Sign Language*............................................4
- EC 340 Assess/Doc in I/T Programs.............................3
- EC 341 Learning Env for Inf & Toddler......................3
- EC 342 Routines & Guid. in I/T Educ. Programs...........3
- EC 375 Supervised Tutorial Experience........................3

After School (15-16 hours):
- EC 203 Sign Language*............................................4
- EC 375 Supervised Tutorial Experience........................3
- MUSC 323 Music for Elementary Teachers*................2
- HPER 209 Rhythms and Tumbling*............................1
- EDUC 325 Elementary Classroom Art........................2
- EDUC 390 Special Needs in an Inclusive Environ...........3
- EDUC 436 Kindergarten Methods.............................2

Special Needs/Paraprofessional (15-16 hours):
- EC 203 Sign Language*............................................4
- HPER 209 Rhythms and Tumbling*............................1
- EDUC 344 Augmented/Alternative Comm.....................3
- EDUC 350 Remedial Reading..................................3
- EDUC 390 Special Needs in an Inclusive Environ...........3
- MATH 277 Math for Elementary Teachers....................3

Select 3 credits from the following:
- EC 343 Classroom Modifications...............................3
- EC 375 Supervised Tutorial Experience........................3

*Distance learning students may need to take these courses face to face either on the Mayville State campus or at a local site.

+ 8 hours of either sign language or another foreign language may be substituted.

If you have any questions regarding the early childhood program or any other program, give us a call at 800.437.4104, ext. 34721 or go online to: www.MayvilleState.edu