Early Childhood
Associate of Arts - Distance

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 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. This selection process is based on meeting criteria for academic excellence as well as results of surveys done by current MSU students.
### Core Requirements:

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Sub-total 28 SH  
Essential Studies Courses 36 SH  
Institutional Requirements 5 SH  
Total 69 SH

### 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