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 20, so you will have small, personalized class settings to receive the education that you deserve. Your professors will introduce you to new ways of thinking, exploring issues creatively, and evaluating 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:
• Student Education Association
• Theater
• Band & Choir
• DECA
• Esports
• Science Club
• Comet Radio
• Student Government
• Intramural Sports

Success
Our students have a high rate of employment. 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 Regional 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.

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. The Early Childhood Bachelor of Arts program is also offered as an online program option.

MSU’s Early Childhood program will give you the opportunity to further your professional growth. The program will prepare you to teach children from birth to Pre-K and work in a variety of leadership positions, such as: 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 online course technology to provide the kind of flexible experience that meets the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students.
Early Childhood: Bachelor of Arts

Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120

The Early Childhood program will allow Early Childhood educators the opportunity to further their professional growth through online classes. The philosophy of the Early Childhood program incorporates the reflective experiential model of Mayville State University’s Teacher Education program.

Students will complete the Essential Studies courses, core requirements for the Early Childhood major.

Early Childhood majors must complete 36 hours of Essential Studies. The following Essential Studies courses are required: COMM 110, ENGL 110, ENGL 120 or ENGL 125, PSYC 111, and SOC 110. ENGL 317 Children’s Literature and Media is recommended.

At least 36 SH of courses at the upper-division level (300-400) courses are required.

Students are encouraged to take HPER 210 - First Aid and CPR or complete the training locally to be certified in First Aid/ CPR.

Core Professional Courses:

**ENGL 262** American Literature II 3 SH
**EC 210** Introduction to ECE 3 SH
**EC 211** Observations, Assessments, and Interpretation Techniques 3 SH
**EC 313** Language and Literacy in ECE 3 SH
**EC 320** Infants and Toddlers 3 SH
**EC 322** Administration/Leadership in ECE 3 SH
**EC 333** Pre-K Methods/Materials 3 SH
**EC 335** Art, Music and Play in ECE 3 SH
**EC 336** Social and Emotional Development and Guidance in ECE 3 SH
**EC 338** Home, School, Comm. Relations 3 SH
**EC 376** Field Experience in ECE 1 SH
**EC 418** Technology/Math/Science in ECE 3 SH
**EDUC 381** Human Relations/Cultural Diversity 3 SH
**HPER 315** Movement Education in EC 2 SH
**PSYC 255** Child & Adolescent Psychology 3 SH
**SPED 388** Autism Spectrum Disorders 3 SH
**SPED 237** Special Needs in ECE 2 SH
**SPED 389** Foundations of Special Education 3 SH
**SPED 343** Classroom Modifications & Accommodations 3 SH
**SPED 344** Augmentive and Alternative Comm. 3 SH
**SOCI 355** Drugs & Society 3 SH
**UNIV 345** Grant Writing 3 SH
**EC 341** Routines, Guidance, & Learning Environments for Infants & Toddlers 3 SH
**SPED 340** Assess/Doc in I/T Programs 3 SH
**EC 375** Infant & Toddler Field Experiences 3 SH
**EC 203/ASL 101* American Sign Language I** 4 SH

Total 61-64 SH

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EC 398: for students who do not have an Associate’s level internship.

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*Americana Sign Language courses are offered through Lake Region State College.

*Distance learning students may need to take this class face-to-face whether on the Mayville State campus, ASL 101 at LRSC, or a sign language class or training at a local site.

Note: Other languages of study may be used to substitute for the language credits requirement.

Early Childhood Internship

**EC 398** Child Development Internship (Capstone) 6 SH

Choose 2 Elective Courses (must equal 5 credits more):
Please visit with an academic advisor to discuss elective options.

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“I enjoy the fact that I can work full time in my major and be a student at the same time. This allows me to take what I learn in class and apply it at work every day. My education is used immediately as opposed to waiting to graduate and then finding a job in my major. The combination makes for a meaningful experience.”

- Liz F.
Early Childhood Major

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