

# MENOBAMOOZHEWAAD

*Those who care for children well.*



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Open your possibilities to being a mentor and to have a vital influence on young children and their families by earning your Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education at Leech Lake Tribal College.

By combining our teaching curriculum with foundational core courses, you will be taking steps toward becoming a successful teacher of young children. Our program provides each student with an opportunity to customize their educational background to fit their current needs and to further their education to a four-year degree.

This program is designed for students to receive an Associate in Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. Leech Lake Tribal College offers a combination of culturally relevant course work, general liberal arts courses, interactive education classes, and practical experience with young children. Instructors provide individual assistance and classroom experience that address many individual learning styles.

### **Four-year degree opportunity:**

LLTC has an articulation agreement with Southern Minnesota State University in Marshall, in which students may receive a four-year degree. The program is online and students can remain at their job while working towards their degree.

### **Graduates will be able to:**

- Identify how young children learn and develop.
- Help young children build creative and critical thinking skills.
- Build positive relations with families.
- Promote the integration of current theories, active learning methods, developmentally appropriate practices, and classroom management techniques into all early childhood environments.

### **Early Childhood Education careers may include:**

- Childcare Center Director
- Family Childcare Provider
- Camp Counselor
- Paraprofessional Education
- Childcare Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- School Age Child Care
- Classroom Assistant
- Preschool Teacher



**Early Childhood Education 2023-2025 Program of Study**

LLTC Core Requirements: 20 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
ANI 100	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		FA/SP		
EDU 102	Miikana (FYE)	3		FA/SP		
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3		FA/SP		
ITECH 100	Computer Applications I	3		FA/SP		
OJI 101	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		FA/SP		
OJI 102	Speaking Ojibwe II	4	OJI 101	FA/SP		

Category 1: Communications: 3 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
ENGL 201	English Composition II	3	ENGL 101	Interm.		
SPCH 100	Speech and Communications	3	ENGL 101	FA/SP		

**Category 2: Critical Thinking (Satisfied by MNTC requirements)**

Category 3: Natural Science: 7 credits (1 Lab Required)			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
<b>Science Options with a Lab</b>						
BIO 121	General Biology I	4		FA/SP		
BIO 122	General Biology II	4		Spring		
* GEOL 110	Physical Geology and Earth Systems	4		FA/SP		
FOR 110	Woodland Plants	4		Fall		
ISCI 211	Introduction to Environmental Chemistry	4		Interm.		
<b>Science Options without a Lab</b>						
* BIO 204	Environmental Science	3		FA/SP		
ENER 150	Introduction to Renewable Energy	3		Fall		
* ISCI 291	Indigenous Science	3		Interm.		

Category 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning: 3 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
MATH 140	Concepts in Mathematics	4	MATH 094	FA/SP		
MATH 150	Beginning College Algebra	3	MATH 140	FA/SP		
MATH 155	Advanced College Algebra	3	MATH 150	FA/SP		
MATH 210	Pre-Calculus I	3	MATH 155	Interm.		
MATH 250	Calculus I	3	MATH 210	Interm.		

Category 5: History and Social Sciences: 6 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
• ECE 180	Child Growth and Development	3		Fall		
ECE 222	Infant and Toddler Development	3		Spring		

Category 6: Humanities and Arts: 9 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
ART 101	Introduction to Traditional & Contemporary Art	3		FA/SP		
ECE 210	Creative Activities with Children	3	ECE 180	Spring		



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Choose another course from below					
	ART 102	Introduction to Pottery	3		Interm.
	ART 107	Drawing I	3		Interm.
	ART 108	Sculpture	3		Interm.
	ART 109	Watercolor Painting	3		Interm.
	ART 110	Acrylic and Oil Painting	3		Interm.
	ART 113	Jingle Dress Making	3		Interm.
	ART 114	Star Quilt Making	3		Interm.
	ART 116	Introduction to Beadwork	3		Interm.
	ART 204	Moccasin Making	3	ART 116 or IP	Interm.
	ENGL 120	Creative Writing	3	ENGL 101	Interm.
*	ENGL 200	Literature and the Environment	3	ENGL 101	Fall
	ENGL 250	Contemporary Indigenous American Literature	3	ENGL 101	Spring
	ENGL 299	Special Topics in Literature	3	ENGL 101	Interm.
	MUS 250	History of Anishinaabe Music and Dance	3		Interm.
	PHIL 200	Indigenous American Philosophy	3		Fall

**Category 7: Human Diversity (Satisfied by LLTC Core ANI 100)**

**Category 8: Global Perspective (Satisfied by LLTC Core OJI 101)**

**Category 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (Satisfied by LLTC Core ITECH 100)**

Category 10: People and the Environment (Satisfied by ENGL 200/GEOL 110/ISCI 291)					Term	CK List
	BIO 200	Ethnobiology	3		Fall	

ECE Program Requirements: 13 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK List
	ECE 201	The Exceptional Child: Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 180	Fall	
	ECE 220	Relations and Management in Child Development	3	ECE 180	Fall	
	ECE 240	Children, Families and Communities	3	ECE 220	Spring	
•	ECE 297	Early Childhood Practicum	4	IP	Interm.	
<b>Total=</b>			<b>64 Credits</b>			

**Non-Course Requirement**

*	ECE 299	CDA Transfer Equivalence/Special Topics	7	ECE 220	Interm.	
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\* Course completes more than one category requirement, but credits may only be counted once.  
 Please note that some of the pre-req's may be completed based on competency.

\*\*\* ART 100 is required if transferring to Southwest Minnesota State University

• Approved CDA certifications will be equivalent to ECE 180/297 and receive credit for ECE 299

\* Required: Valid CDA certificate on file with Registrar, ECE Faculty approval.

