RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway

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About the Program

Turn your passion for little ones into a career of care and developmental education for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Prepare for quick entry into the workforce or a solid foundation for a bachelor's degree with the Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway Associate of Science Degree.

Coursework topics include:

- Child growth and development
- Language and literacy
- Diverse children/family relations
- Behavior guidance
- Health, safety and nutrition

The combination of practical on-site experience and convenient online learning prepares you for many career options with an Associate of Science Degree. You could be an assistant teacher or teacher in a preschool or childcare center. Other opportunities include working at a Head Start or opening an in-home child care.

Want more? Transfer your AS degree into an Early Childhood Education Bachelor's Degree to teach prekindergarten through third grade with a MN teaching license.

Early Childhood Transfer Pathway

Your Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway AS Degree from Ridgewater will transfer to several Minnesota State university partner baccalaureate programs with no lost credits. Many students gain confidence building their foundation at a community college and appreciate the value of starting at Ridgewater College.

Partner Transfer Universities

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Metropolitan State University

Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Southwest Minnesota State University – Marshall

St. Cloud State University

Winona State University

Degrees and Certificates

Early Childhood Education Transfer Pathway AS Degree – 60 credits

Early Childhood Education Certificate – 18 credits

Early Childhood Special Education Certificate – 20 credits

Program Distinctions

- Strong industry partnerships to support internships and high-demand careers
- Low student-to-teacher ratios for engaging, personal attention
- Challenging coursework to prepare students for employment or transfer
- Affordable tuition and education scholarships
- Free, supportive, academic tutoring

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Related Options

Early Childhood Special Education

Education Foundations

Elementary Education Foundations Transfer Pathway

Special Education Transfer Pathway

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