Bachelor of Science (120 credits)

Students must complete 30 credits prior to full admission

The Early Childcare Education & Programming (ECP) degree offers completely online coursework, allowing students to complete coursework when it’s convenient for them. The curriculum prepares students to support children in a variety of early childhood education programs, including childcare centers, preschool programs, Head Start programs, before- and after-school programs, and childcare administration. This degree does not lead to teacher licensure.

Program highlights:
- All courses completely online
- Year-round admission
- $415 per credit (includes fees)
- Requires three practicum placements
- Transfer friendly

ECP students are...
- Working professionals
- Advancement seekers
- Career changers
- Enrolled part- or full-time

For more detailed information, visit www.online.hs.iastate.edu/early-childcare-programming/
Required Courses (51 credits total*)

Pre-Practicum I Courses  (3 credits each, 9 credits total)
- Child Development - Birth to 3
- Child Development - Ages 4 to 8
- Professional Development

Practicum I (3 credits)
- Child Observations in Classroom Environments

Pre-Practicum II Courses  (3 credits each, 15 credits total)
- Development of Curriculum for Children Birth to 3
- Development of Curriculum for Children Ages 4 to 8
- Assessing Young Children & Their Environments to Enhance Development
- Understanding & Adapting for Developmental Differences
- Child Guidance & Classroom Environments

Practicum II (3 credits)
- Curriculum Development & Implementation

Professional Development Courses (3 credits each, 15 credits total)
- Administration & Supervision in Early Childhood Settings
- Health, Safety, & Nutrition
- Technology & Young Children
- Diversity in the Lives of Young Children & Families
- Working with Families

Practicum III (6 credits)
- Capstone Experience

*120 credits required to graduate; Remaining credits taken from general education requirements

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