



# Early Childhood Education Programs

at Schoolcraft  
College



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) SKILLS CERTIFICATE

Schoolcraft Program Code #CRT.00315 | 17 credits

- Credentials early childhood educators working with children from birth to age five
- CDA preparation consists of meeting the objectives and requirements of five courses in the early childhood curriculum that address the competency goals identified by the CDA Professional Preparation Program
- Candidates must also document 480 hours of professional experience working with children within the past three years, prepare a professional resource file and be formally observed working with children\*
- Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements will qualify for a certificate of program completion

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Schoolcraft Program Code #1YC.00031 | 27 credits

- Provides an educational foundation for understanding childhood development and needs
- Emphasis on helping students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to plan developmentally appropriate learning environments, nurturing strategies and activities for children to promote their physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth, and well-being
- Students who satisfactorily complete the program requirements will qualify for a certificate of program completion

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AAS DEGREE

Schoolcraft Program Code #AAS.00020 | 62-67 credits

- Associate in Applied Science Degree
- Classroom and hands-on training to understand the developmental stages of children
- Theoretical and practical experiences to prepare students to work in early childhood programs in a variety of settings
- The required field experiences expose students to best practices in early childhood education
- Credits earned at Schoolcraft may transfer to another college or university.

*\*Prior to field experience, students must present to their instructor clearance from the Michigan Department of Human Services Central Registry.*

*Students in the Early Childhood Education program must adhere to the Code of Ethics of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Council for Exceptional Children along with the Early Childhood and Special Education department policies.*

Check the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements to determine course options.

For more information visit: [schoolcraft.edu/earlychildhood](http://schoolcraft.edu/earlychildhood)



### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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# Autism & Special Education Programs

at Schoolcraft College



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### SPECIAL NEEDS PARAEDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Schoolcraft Program Code #1YC.00032 | 30 credits

- Provides basic skills needed for understanding neurotypical and neuroatypical human development (includes autism spectrum disorder)
- Emphasizes a strength-based best practices model to prepare students to work with children and adults with special needs
- Special Needs Paraeducator Certificate is earned through classwork and supervised field experiences\*

### SPECIAL NEEDS PARAEDUCATOR AAS DEGREE

Schoolcraft Program Code #AAS.00021 | 61-66 credits

- Associate in Applied Science Degree
- Prepares students to work locations such as:
  - special education classrooms
  - inclusive classrooms
  - resource rooms
  - institutional settings
  - sheltered workshops
  - job coaching programs
  - group homes
  - supported-living programs
- Students learn to work effectively as members of a team that supports persons with disabilities
- Credits earned at Schoolcraft may transfer to another college or university.

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### AUTISM EDUCATION SKILLS CERTIFICATE

Schoolcraft Program Code #CRT.00316 | 19 credits

- Provides basic education in communicating with individuals with autism
- Beneficial for students who wish to increase their understanding of autism, including:
  - Business and community members
  - Current or future paraeducators
  - First responders
  - Families of individuals with autism

### AUTISM EDUCATION PROGRAM AGS DEGREE

Schoolcraft Program Code #AGS.00042 | 60 credits

- Associate in General Studies Degree
- Teaches students how to educate and interact with individuals on the autism spectrum scale
- Students who wish to pursue the associate's degree can apply all 19 credits from the Autism Education Skills Certificate

Check the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements to determine course options.  
For more information visit: [schoolcraft.edu/special](http://schoolcraft.edu/special)



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