Highland Community College

Early Childhood Program Information Sheet
Spring 2012

Our program offers a balance of theory, research and practical learning experiences that ensure students can provide quality Early Childhood Programs and promote positive child outcomes. Students may choose a series of courses that prepare for the entry level National Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, take classes to improve their skills, take classes in an area of interest, and/or complete an Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood.

Early Childhood classes are offered throughout the Region, online and on-campus. Classes are delivered through the Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) model. Many classes are offered after 4:30 PM in the afternoon. Call and/or visit your nearest Regional Site to enroll in classes.

Early Childhood Scholarships

Scholarships are one of many forms of financial assistance available. Full time, on-campus Kansas resident students are eligible for Highland Community College Early Childhood Scholarships. Applicants must:

1. Pass a criminal background screening and maintain a clean criminal record.
2. Be an on-campus, Kansas resident student.
3. Enroll in at least two program required courses per semester (excluding summer).
4. Be classified as a full time student and complete 12 credit hours or more per semester.
5. Maintain an overall 2.0 GPA and an Early Childhood 2.5 GPA each semester.
6. Successfully complete ECH 250 Early Childhood Practicum with a B or better.
7. Student progress is evaluated by the Program Coordinator.

Applications are available on our website at www.highlandcc.edu, select admissions, click on scholarships/awards.

Early Childhood Associates Apprenticeship Program Scholarships are available to qualified Early Childhood students. For information on the Apprenticeship Program go to www.kansasecaap.org.

T.E.A.C.H. KANSAS Project is an educational scholarship opportunity for staff working in child care centers and family childcare providers. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the early childhood field. For more information about the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program go to www.childcareaware.org

Early Childhood Program Graduation Requirements:

Pass a Criminal Background Screening. Maintain a clean criminal record

Successfully complete all Early Childhood Courses.

Successfully complete ECH 250 Early Childhood Practicum with a B or better.

Successfully complete all of the required coursework for the Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood from Highland Community College, and fulfill all of the requirements for a degree from Highland.

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Interactive Distance Learning

What is IDL (Telenet)?

IDL stands for Interactive Distance Learning. At HCC, students in classrooms in different physical locations are connected via camera and television equipment. One instructor teaches the class to all participating sites. Students in each classroom can see, hear, and communicate with each other. Media and instructional methods which can be used in IDL courses include lecture, discussion, overheads, videos, and power point presentations.

Where can I take an IDL class?

These sites can be connected for classes:

Highland Holton Perry Atchison Marysville Wamego

What are the benefits of IDL?

Courses which are not offered or which may not regularly make enrollment can be offered by connecting students for several sites. Students can attend class at the nearest site rather than driving to the instructor location.

How is an IDL class different?

The main difference in an IDL class is that there may not physically be an instructor in your classroom. The regional coordinator will assist the class as needed.

What skills and resources does a student need to be successful in an IDL class?

Before enrolling in an IDL class students should know how to access their My HCC accounts. Students need to have access to a computer with word processing software and the internet. Each regional site and the HCC library have computer labs available (Check with the site for exact time/day availability). Students must know how to use email, attach a file to an email, and operate a fax and copy machine. Along with being computer literate, students enrolling in IDL classes should be confident, assertive, and motivated.

Career Opportunities

Careers in Early Childhood

- Au Pairs
- Curriculum Specialist
- Directors of early childhood and school-age child care programs
- Family child care providers
- Nannies

- Teachers: Child care centers, early childhood programs, elementary schools, and school-age child care programs
- Assistant and associate teachers: child care centers, early childhood programs, elementary schools, and school-age child care programs.

Related Careers in the Early Childhood Industry

- Child care resource and referral specialist

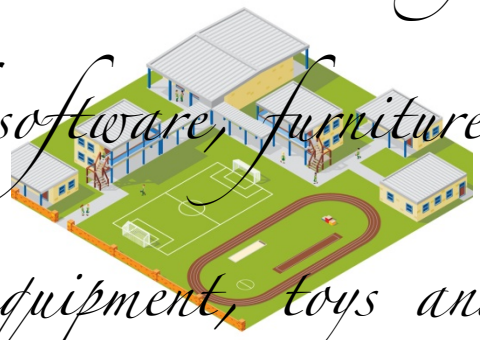
- Early childhood consultants
- Early childhood educators (high school teachers, vocational and technical school instructors, community college instructors, and university professors.)
- Early childhood researchers
- Licensing specialist
- Safety specialist

- Sick child care specialist for corporate child care
- Special education specialist
- Staff trainers

Child-Related Careers in.....

Business

- Designers of children's products: Clothing, computer hardware and software, furniture, school supplies, sports equipment, toys and more.



- Salespeople of children's products
- Playground designers
- Safety testers for children's products

Community Service

- Children's librarians
- Children's art, dance, music, and sports instructors
- Health care: pediatricians, pediatric nurses, pediatric surgeons, pediatric dentists

- Social services: family or children's therapists, counselors, social workers, caseworkers
- Parent educators
- Recreation directors
- Religious education directors or instructors

Publishing and Art

- Authors of books and magazine articles for children and parents

- Editors of books and magazines for children and parents
- Children's artists, illustrators, and photographers

Entertainment

- Entertainers: actors, singers, clowns, magicians, puppeteers

8. Writers, producers, and directors for children's TV shows, movies, and theater productions