

Advocate for young children

A new academic program for those who care for and about young children



Are you eager to make a bigger impact on policies that affect children's lives?

Do you want to learn more about the systems that influence what you do in your classroom or child care?

Do you want to help develop a system of early education and care?

Enroll in a unique 12-credit graduate certificate program in early childhood policy at the University of Minnesota.

The **early childhood policy (ECP) certificate** is intentionally interdisciplinary and will connect you both to academic departments and to agencies in the broader community. Faculty from numerous academic units bring a wealth of perspectives and varied backgrounds to the program.



- open to current graduate students and to professional development students, including individuals not formally enrolled in the Graduate School
- credits are applicable to University of Minnesota master's and doctoral degrees
- cohort model with flexible accommodation of individual needs
- most courses offered in late afternoon and evening
- application of knowledge to practical experience is a hallmark of the curriculum
- can be completed in 2–4 semesters

Admission is for fall only. Applications are due June 15. If you are not a current graduate student, you must also apply to the Graduate School.

Offered as part of the President's Initiative on Children, Youth, and Families through the Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) and the Institute of Child Development (ICD).

For more information go to www.education.umn.edu/SPS/programs/certificates/ECPolicy.html or contact: Karen Cadigan at 612-626-8723.



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