

# Lakeland

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROGRAM GUIDE

Applied Studies Division

## Early Childhood Education

- Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education

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# Early Childhood Education



Lakeland's Associate Degree Program in Early Childhood Education prepares students to teach children ages 0-5 years. They will gain the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to provide developmentally appropriate care for young children.

Upon completion, eligible graduates may apply for Pre-K Associate Teacher Licensure by the Ohio Department of Education and teaching positions in the community.

The program also provides students with the skills for employment as family child care providers and to work with children with special needs.

Young children need to play, so it is essential for them to have opportunities and experiences in a developmentally appropriate environment. These experiences include hands-on activities in all areas of the curriculum that support optimal development and align with the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards.

A career in early childhood offers employment opportunities for preschool teachers in a variety of settings including: child daycare services, public and private schools, Head Start programs, pre-kindergarten, inclusion classrooms and programs, corporate child care settings, nursery schools, intergenerational care sites as well as religious organizations.

Preschool teachers must have a broad range of skills and talents. Along with expertise in many subject areas, they need to have excellent communication and organizational skills, have the ability to inspire and motivate children, and value the diversity that children and families bring to the setting. Collaboration also plays a major part in the role of the preschool teacher as he/she must be able to work effectively with families, administrators, other teachers as well as agencies serving the needs of youth.

## Career Opportunities

Employment of preschool teachers is expected to grow ten percent through 2026\*. The demand for quality child care, such as "Step Up to Quality" programs, support the need for teacher education and degreed teachers.

No Child Left Behind initiatives support the need for preschool teachers because their funds are focused on programs that educate young children as well as provide early intervention.

\*Source: bls.gov/ooh.

## Lakeland's Program

Lakeland's Early Childhood Education program is nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the recognized accreditor for early childhood educators. The program provides students with a theoretical background in child development, professionalism, curriculum development, assessment practices, and hands-on, real-world teaching experiences. Students participate in field work that includes multicultural and inclusion classrooms and provides opportunities to work with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children.



## Applying to the Program

All students must comply with Lakeland Community College's Early Childhood Education Fingerprinting Policy, which meets State Law requirements for Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and Ohio Department of Education. Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program must complete BCII and FBI criminal background checks prior to engaging in any fieldwork experiences and in accordance with the Department Policy. Completion of this process is the responsibility of the student. Complete details about program requirements are stated in the Early Childhood Education Program Handbook. Contact the Early Childhood Education Department for more information. Interested students should contact the director of admissions or the Counseling Office for details about applying for admission to the program.

## For more information

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## Early Childhood Education (9610)

### Associate of Applied Science Degree

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The mission of the program is to prepare early childhood teachers with the knowledge, skills, and disposition necessary to provide developmentally appropriate care and education for young children. Educational experiences prepare students to work in a variety of settings including child care centers, preschools, prekindergarten classrooms, and Head Start programs. The program also provides students with the skills to work as a family child care provider as well as work with children with special needs.

The Early Childhood Education program is approved by the Ohio Department of Education for Prekindergarten Associate Teacher Licensure and nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation. There are two options in which students may proceed: (1) the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education; and (2) the degree and prekindergarten licensure.



The requirements for teacher licensure include passing scores on the Praxis Core Academic Skills Exams - CORE Reading (passing score - 156); CORE Writing (passing score - 162); and CORE Math (passing score - 150). Upon successful completion of the Praxis Core, student must pass the Ohio Assessment for Educators Exam – Prekindergarten (Subtest I & Subtest II). The Ohio Department of Education determines the passing scores on these exams, which is subject to change. Only eligible students who have been notified in writing that they have met all program requirements should take these exams. Please contact the Department if you have questions.









Lakeland's Teaching/Learning Center, a fully licensed, nationally accredited program by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and 5 Star Step Up to Quality Program serves children 16 months through five years of age. This laboratory school and Campus Kids serves the Early Childhood Education program by engaging students in more than 100 hours of field experience onsite in the state-of-the-art child care facility.

Legislative mandates govern specialized admission requirements and performance objectives for the program. These include state laws requiring any person obtaining or maintaining a teaching license to be and remain a person of good moral character.

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Specific math requirements are unique to the program and foster preparation for licensure exams. Therefore, it is essential for students to see a counselor annually and subsequently may contact the Early Childhood Education Department with questions regarding these requirements. Students will meet the requirement by successfully passing MATH 0950 Intermediate Algebra or testing into MATH 1650 College Algebra. In addition, it is recommended that students take MATH 1600 Survey of College Mathematics.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>First Semester</b>		
COMM 1000	Effective Public Speaking	3
ECED 1130	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	4
ECED 2110	Working with Families 	3
ENGL 1110 or ENGL 1111	English Composition I (A) <sup>1</sup> or English Composition I (B)	3
FYEX 1000	First Year Experience	1
PSYC 1500	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Credit Hours	17
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ARTS 1120	Art Appreciation	3
ECED 1650	The Developing Child 	3


ECED 1800	Early Childhood Foundations of Learning 	4
ENGL 1120	English Composition II	3
Select any Mathematics course from MATH 1550 or higher <sup>3</sup>		3
Credit Hours		16
<b>Third Semester</b>		
ECED 2140	Early Childhood Curriculum - Integrated Learning 	3
ECED 2150	Language and Literacy Experiences 	4
EDUC 2180	Practicum in the Educational Setting 	4
ECED 2220	Early Care and Education: The First Three Years of Life 	3
Select course(s) from the general electives <sup>3</sup>		3
Credit Hours		17
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
BIOL 1140	Human Biology	3
ECED 2120	Music and Movement in Early Childhood Education 	3
ECED 2800	Student Teaching Practicum and Seminar  <sup>4</sup>	4
EDUC 2010	Promoting Wellness for Young Children 	3
Select course(s) from the general electives		2-3
Credit Hours		15-16
Total Credit Hours		65-66

<sup>1</sup> English course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B) is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the degree).

<sup>2</sup> Prerequisite includes successful completion of MATH 0950 Intermediate Algebra or testing into MATH 1650 College Algebra

<sup>3</sup> Students who take a Mathematics course with more than 3 credits as part of the program requirements can apply the additional credit(s) to the general elective credits.

<sup>4</sup> It is recommended that all core ECED/EDUC courses be completed prior to taking ECED 2800 Student Teaching Practicum and Seminar.

 This course is designated as a technical course in the program. Students must earn a "C" grade or higher in the course to fulfill the college's graduation requirements policy.

The following courses are part of the Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) which has been established to provide transferability and application of credit between institutions of higher education in Ohio:

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ECED 1650	The Developing Child	3
ECED 2110	Working with Families	3
EDUC 1120	Education - An Introduction	3
EDUC 2030	Teaching Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 2200	Introduction to Educational Psychology	3

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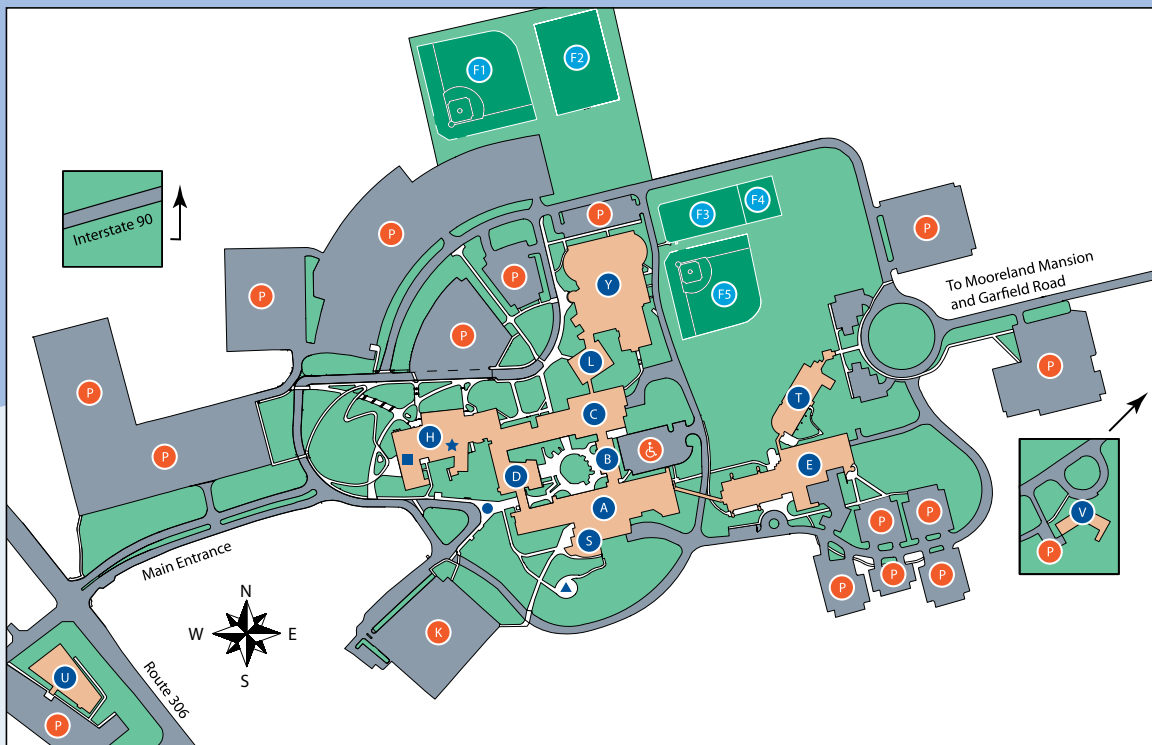


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### CAMPUS MAP

**A** A-Building  
**B** B-Building  
**C** C-Building  
**D** D-Building  
**E** E-Building  
**F1** Baseball Field  
**F2** Soccer Field  
**F3** Tennis Courts  
**F4** Multi-Purpose Court

**F5** Softball Field  
**H** H-Building  
**K** Faculty Staff Lot  
**L** Teaching Learning Center  
**P** Parking  
**S** Student Service Center/  
Breakers Dining  
**T** T-Building  
**U** Holden University Center

**V** Mooreland Mansion  
**Y** Athletic & Fitness Center  
 ● Clocktower  
 ★ Dental Hygiene Clinic  
 ♿ Handicap Parking  
 ■ HIVE  
 ▲ Mind Ladders

### Quality Education

Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Access to bachelor's and graduate degrees is available on campus from partner institutions through Lakeland's Holden University Center ([lakelandcc.edu/uc](http://lakelandcc.edu/uc)).

### Affordable Tuition

Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. More than 50 percent of Lakeland students receive some form of financial assistance ([lakelandcc.edu/tuition](http://lakelandcc.edu/tuition)).

### Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening, weekend and online courses ([lakelandcc.edu/schedule](http://lakelandcc.edu/schedule)).

### Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, computer labs, career services, free parking and affordable child care.

## Opportunity starts HERE

**Visit** us on campus or online. Call 440.525.7900, email [recruitmentcenter@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:recruitmentcenter@lakelandcc.edu) or visit [lakelandcc.edu/visit](http://lakelandcc.edu/visit) for a campus tour.

**Apply** online: [lakelandcc.edu/apply](http://lakelandcc.edu/apply)

### Accreditation

Lakeland Community College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and participates in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, phone: 800.621.7440, [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org).

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