

Comparison of Program Elements: Programs Related to Knowledge and Skills for Guiding/Teaching Children

Course or Program	Human (Child) Development	Parenthood Education	Child Care	Teacher Cadet
<i>Curriculum focus</i>	Study of growth and development of children: parentally through age 18. (Intellectual, physical, emotional, and social growth and development.)	Development of knowledge and skills to empower an individual to guide growth and development of children related by blood, marriage, adoption, or circumstances.	Development of the knowledge and skills to provide care to groups of children, age birth through 6 years, in group child care settings.	Development of the knowledge and skills to understand the occupation of teacher, and determine if the student has interest in pursuing this career field.
<i>Outcome Focus</i>	Developing knowledge to understand growth and development of young children.	Developing student knowledge and skills to enhance their success as future parents/nurturers of young children.	Developing specific skills related to securing employment as a child care provider.	Occupational exploration of the teaching field.
<i>Teacher Certification</i>	Family and Consumer Science, Consumer and Homemaking, Home Economics, KH endorsement.	Family and Consumer Science, Consumer and Homemaking, Home Economics, KH and VH endorsements.	Occupational Child Care, Child and Adult Care Services (VH specific to child care), VC endorsement (2005 and newer).	Valid Michigan Certification and: Masters Degree 5 years experience (2 years must be secondary experience) Tenure in at least one district Evidence of successful completion of "South Carolina Teacher Cadet" training and/or Michigan on-line Teacher Cadet courses.
<i>Possible State Funding (In addition to foundation allowance)</i>	None	Parenthood Added Cost if 75% of Content Expectations are taught as part of a state-approved FCS Program. (Minimum of four state-approved FCS courses operated each year.)	Carl D Perkins and/or state added cost if a state-approved occupational program.	Carl D. Perkins and/or state added cost if a state-approved occupational program.
<i>Appropriate lab settings(s)</i>	Observations of children known to students and/or in public venues (mall, play-ground, etc.).	Observations of children known to students and/or in public venues (mall, play-ground, etc.).	Cooperating or site-based Pre-School.	Cooperating Elementary School classroom K-6.

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<i>Appropriate Equipment</i>		Electronic infant simulators Empathy belly	Age appropriate books, games, furnishings, activities.	
<i>Safety Training</i>		Infant/child CPR recommended	Infant/child CPR Certificate Blood borne pathogens First Aide Certificate	Blood borne pathogens CPR and First Aide
<i>Length of Course/Program</i>	1-2 semesters based on local curriculum	1 semester based on state content expectations for Parenthood Education as part of a state-approved FCS program.	2 year program.	1 year program.
<i>Course Outcome</i>	Knowledge of the growth and development of young children.	Knowledge and experience relative to the challenges and decisions of parenthood.	Prepared to provide quality child care to preschool children in a custodial setting.	Exploration of teaching as a possible career choice.

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