

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
Curriculum Focus	Study of growth and development of children: prenatal 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 other 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.
Outcome Focus	Developing knowledge to understand growth and development of children.	Developing student knowledge and skills to enhance their success as future parents/nurturers of children.	Developing specific skills related to securing employment as a child care provider.	Occupational exploration of the teaching field.
Teacher Certification	Family and Consumer Science, Consumer and Homemaking, Home Economics, KH or VH endorsement.	Family and Consumer Science, Consumer and Homemaking, Home Economics, KH or VH endorsements.	Occupational Child Care, Child and Adult Care Services (VH specific to child care), VC endorsement.	Valid Michigan Teaching Certification and 5 years experience, VG endorsement.
Possible State Funding (In addition to foundation allowance)	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.)	None	Carl D. Perkins and/or state added cost if a state-approved CTE program.

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Appropriate Lab Settings(s)	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 classrooms in grades P-9.
Appropriate Equipment	None	Electronic infant simulators, Empathy belly.	Age appropriate books, games, furnishings, activities.	Educational technology.
Safety Training	None	Infant/child CPR recommended.	Infant/child CPR Certificate Blood borne pathogens, First Aid Certificate.	Blood borne pathogens, CPR and First Aid.
Length of Course/Program	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.
Course Outcome	Knowledge of the growth and development of children.	Knowledge and experience relative to the challenges and decisions of parenthood.	Prepared to provide quality child care to children in a custodial setting.	Exploration of teaching as a possible career choice.