Prepare to Make a Difference in the Lives of Children—and in Your Career. Earn Your Associate’s Degree From Kaplan University.

Kaplan University’s Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program is designed to provide students with the introductory knowledge and skills for working with young children (birth through age 8) and families in early childhood settings. Specific emphasis is placed on the young child’s growth and development, working with children in the inclusive classroom, health and nutrition needs, and lesson planning and implementation.

Empower People and Drive Change.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. If you have a desire to help your fellow citizens—a passion to make real differences in their lives—the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is a great place to start your training. Programs are designed for people with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children, individuals with special needs, and communities. The atmosphere is always positive, reinforcing, and highly accessible.

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, long-term national job growth for childcare workers is expected to be 14 percent through 2022.² Childcare workers are one of the top 20 occupations projected to add the most new jobs: over 184,000 during this period.³ An increasing emphasis on early childhood education programs may contribute to the demand for workers in this field.²

In addition, a number of employers prefer to hire workers who have taken postsecondary courses in child development²—courses like those included in Kaplan University’s Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development.

**Learn Exactly What You Need to Know.**

Taking the right courses in the right degree program could contribute to your job marketability and career success.¹ At Kaplan University’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, you’ll find the kind of commitment and support you can count on.

› Work one-on-one with an Education Advisor to build a personalized degree plan that best suits your ultimate career goal.

› Connect with an enthusiastic community of students from every corner of the country, and learn from faculty members who actively participate in their fields.

› Participate in interactive webinars, informative speaker series, and student clubs where you’ll interact with industry leaders and network with individuals who share your passion for driving change.

**An Associate’s Degree Could Help You Pursue New Opportunities.**

The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program is designed to prepare you for careers in early childhood programs, child care centers, prekindergarten/kindergarten programs, Head Start programs, and other before- and after-school care environments.⁴

Career outcomes for graduates of this program may include, but are not limited to, child care worker, after-school program assistant, preschool teacher or aide, or self-employed childcare worker.¹

**Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:**

› **Childcare Worker**—Prepare children aged 3 to 5 years for school. Perform basic care activities, such as teaching children how to tie their shoelaces or write their names. Play educational games with children.

› **After-School Program Assistant**—Help children with homework and other school assignments. Supervise children to ensure a safe and positive after-school environment. Help manage the dismissal process.

› **Preschool Teacher or Aide**—Discuss educational activities with parents and staff. Teach and work with children aged 2 to 5 years. Help students with basic care activities (e.g. using the restroom, washing their hands). Monitor student progress.
Kaplan University’s Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development features a curriculum that blends theory and practice. The degree provides a general education foundation in ethics, critical thinking, and communication skills to support roles and responsibilities in diverse learning environments. Courses include: Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Curriculum Planning; Child Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Creative Activities for Young Children; and Young Children With Special Needs.

Kaplan University’s Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development emphasizes the following program outcomes:

› Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of child development and learning theory in early childhood settings
› Demonstrate an understanding of the development and implementation of strategies for building family and community relationships
› Identify developmentally appropriate observational and assessment techniques for informing instructional planning for children and their families
› Demonstrate the ability to use developmentally appropriate principles, tools, and practices to create effective learning environments for young children
› Demonstrate the use of professional standards, ethical values, critical inquiry, and advocacy practices of the early childhood field
› Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of individuality and cultural diversity of children and their families to learning and development

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development
Credit Hours: 90

Here Is What One Graduate Had to Say
Lisa Evert
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate

“\nAt Kaplan University, the difference is the instructors have real-world experience, not just academic experience...they bring in their own insights, their own stories...experiences that not only helped make the material come alive but made it very easy for me to understand the progression.”
We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes Before You Owe Any Tuition.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan Commitment℠ gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.6

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

› Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
› Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
› Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans.
› A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.7
› Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students, including the Public Service Scholarship.8

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

› Bachelor of Science in Communication
› Bachelor of Science in Human Services
› Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
› Bachelor of Science in Psychology

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1 Kaplan University’s programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.


4 The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development is not represented as meeting specific state Board of Education criteria for assisting with children and teachers in a public school setting. Students are encouraged to check with their local school district on specific college education requirements needed in these fields. This program will not certify graduates to become licensed teachers.

5 Views and opinions stated herein are the individual’s and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

6 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizens students. For further information, see catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu.

7 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

8 Additional terms and conditions apply. Visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/public-service-scholarship-application.pdf for more information.

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