

MENOBAMOOZHEWAAD

Those who care for children well.

ADVANCED INDIGENOUS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIPLOMA

Our Advanced Early Childhood Education Indigenous Certificate at Leech Lake Tribal College expands on our initial ECE Indigenous certificate program with additional early childhood curriculum and Indigenous focused coursework. Early childhood care from an Indigenous American perspective is our unique focus. Our certificate provides a pathway to prepare students to provide Anishinaabe culturally informed care that will be beneficial for all children and families.

This advanced certificate serves as a credential for employment in early childhood settings. Students completing the Advanced Indigenous Early Childhood Credential will be prepared with early childhood foundational courses, Ojibwe language and courses supporting Anishinaabe worldview and values. Our program provides each student with an opportunity to customize their educational background to fit their current needs and to further their education to an Associate in Arts Degree.

Associate in Arts Opportunity:

Students completing the certificate program will have an opportunity to continue their course work at LLTC towards an Associate in Arts Degree.

Graduates will be able to:

- Identify how young children learn and develop.
- Apply Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being to early childhood education settings.
- Recognize the History of Leech Lake and an Indigenous relationship to land.
- Read, write, understand, and speak basic Ojibwemowin.

Early Childhood Education careers may include:

- Childcare Center Director
- Family Childcare Provider
- Camp Counselor
- Paraprofessional Education
- Childcare Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- School Age Child Care
- Classroom Assistant
- Preschool Teacher
- Classroom Assistant



Advanced Indigenous Early Childhood Certificate 2023-2025 Program of Study

General Education Courses: 11 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK
ANI 100	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3		FA/SP		
OJI 101	Speaking Ojibwe I	4		FA/SP		
OJI 102	Speaking Ojibwe II	4		FA/SP		

Indigenous Early Childhood Program Requirements: 16 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK
ANI 120	Land and Water Pedagogies	3		Interm.		
ANI 298	Nationhood & Gathering of Manoomin	3		Fall		
ECE 180	Child Growth and Development	3		Fall		
ECE 297	Preschool Practicum	4		Interm.		
HIS 150	History of Leech Lake	3		FA/SP		

Indigenous Early Childhood Program Electives: 6 credits			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK
ECE 201	The Exceptional Child: Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 180	Fall		
ECE 210	Creative Activities for Children	3	ECE 180	Fall		
ECE 220	Relations and Management in Child Development	3	ECE 180	Spring		
ECE 222	Infant and Toddler Development	3		Spring		
ECE 240	Children, Families & Community	3	ECE 220	Spring		

Additional Requirement: 1 credit			Cr.	Pre-Req	Term	CK
ECE 102	Trauma and Resilience Training	1		Interm.		

Total=			34 Credits			
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Please note that some of the pre-req's may be completed based on competency.

