The Early Childhood Education program focuses on early child growth and development including adult-child relationships. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills and techniques for providing appropriate environments and care for young children. Instruction is provided in the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of early childhood. You will develop competencies through classroom instruction, observation, and participation in early education and care settings.

**Degrees & Certificates Offered (Southwest Region):**
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Technical Certificate (TC)

**Typical Careers:**
- Child Care Administration
- Early Care in Education
- Elementary Schools
- Family Child Care
- Head Start
- Infant/Toddler Care
- Preschool
- Pediatrics
- Nanny Care
- Resource and Referral Services
- School Age Programming

**POINTS OF PRIDE**
- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children since 2007. The program was granted re-accreditation in 2014 and will be effective through 2021.
- Program offers training for the Child Development Credential, which is granted by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. Over 30 students received the credential this past year. Many of our students are recipients of the T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) scholarships.
- Each year, students participate in service learning. Each student must complete at least one practicum course in a community early childhood program in either an infant/toddler or preschool setting.
- Our faculty provide training at local, state and national conferences each year. Most recently, four faculty members provided workshops at the Evansville Area Early Childhood Association (EAECA), a chapter of the Indiana Association for the Education of Children/USI 2014 Fall Conference.

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