



# EDUCATION

## PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN THIS VITAL FIELD

### Certificate and Degree Options

- ◆ Child Development Associate Skills Certificate
- ◆ Early Childhood Education Certificate
- ◆ Early Childhood Education AAS Degree
- ◆ Special Needs Para Educator Certificate
- ◆ Special Needs Para Educator AAS Degree

### What can I earn?

- ◆ \$28,120 to \$56,310\*  
Teaching jobs are expected to grow 6% or more through 2024

\*Median salary according to Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014

Providing children with a quality **education** is vital to our nation's future. We offer programs that can help prepare you for a career in this important field.

#### Early Childhood

Through traditional and on-line instruction, coupled with gaining experience in our Children's Center, students learn to work effectively with children during their early-development stages.

#### Special Education

Children with disabilities require teachers with unique knowledge and skills to foster their learning. The Special Education program uses both theoretical and practical experience to prepare students for positions in public schools, group homes or supported-living programs. Students also get real-world experience working in Schoolcraft College's Children's Center.

#### Teacher Education Transfer Program

If you plan to earn a bachelor's degree in education, we have two programs that will enable you to transfer your credits to a four-year institution:

**Liberal Arts Associate Degree**—Can be transferred to a teacher education bachelor's degree program at a college or university.

**Teacher Education Transfer Associate Degree**—Includes specialized courses in teaching that transfer to select universities that offer teacher education bachelor degrees.

Both programs can save you thousands of dollars in tuition while putting you on the path to earning your bachelor's degree in an education discipline.



## Alternate Route for Interim

### Teacher Certification

The Alternate Route for Interim Teacher Certification (ARC) is an expedited course of study for recent college graduates or those who want to transition from a different career to full-time teaching in an elementary or secondary classroom. With the ARC program, you can be teaching in a classroom following the completion of a semester of intensive academic coursework and a practicum.

In order to be able to apply for admission, you must:

- ◆ Have an earned bachelor's or master's degree with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. (4.0 scale)
- ◆ Pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) Professional Readiness Exam and the applicable MTTC subject area tests
- ◆ Pass a criminal history check
- ◆ Complete the Schoolcraft College Application for Admission
- ◆ Download and submit the ARC Program Application

Completing ARC earns you *Alternate Route for Interim Teacher Certification*

### Education Program Advantages

- ◆ Combination of theoretical and practical experience
- ◆ Children's Center gives students opportunity to enhance in-class learning
- ◆ All programs offer transfer options to four-year institutions
- ◆ Saves students thousands of dollars versus taking first two years at four-year college or university



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