



# Bachelor's in Early Education and Care

CONTINUING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

**THIS PROGRAM IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU IF...**



- 1 You enjoy working with children
- 2 You are willing to work hard to overcome challenges
- 3 You are a patient, positive, creative & energetic person

## Statistics:

New jobs for preschool teachers & child care directors are projected to increase by 7% this decade.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median pay for these careers in 2015 as \$45,670



## The online B.S. Early Education and Care

(EEC) is an undergraduate program provided by seven universities working in collaboration for distance students. This program will prepare you to work in early childhood settings with young children, especially those whose family members are highly mobile. When students complete the program they will be qualified to work in a variety of programs that offer early care and education in the community and on military installations. Some of the program includes: childcare centers and homes, infant/toddler and preschool programs, Head Start programs and before and after-school programs.

## PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the EEC major, students will be able to use the understanding of young children's characteristics and needs, and of multiple interacting influences on children's development and learning, to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for each child.

Students will understand how successful early childhood education depends upon partnerships with children's families and communities and value the importance and complex characteristics of children's families and communities; as well as use child observation, documentation, and other forms of assessment, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence the development of every child.

Each graduate will identify and conduct themselves as a member of the early childhood profession, using ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice. They will demonstrate, through sequential practicum experiences and clinical practice the knowledge, skills and professional dispositions necessary to promote the development and learning of young children across the entire developmental period of early childhood.

## CONSIDERING YOUR FINANCES

For the EEC program, 72 credits will be completed through SDSU, and billed at the SDSU online rate of \$333.35 per credit for 2016-17. 48 credits will be completed through the GPIDEA consortium, and will therefore be billed at the GPIDEA rate of \$390 per credit for 2016-17. Cost may change on an annual basis. This price includes all tuition and fees. Books and other course materials are not included. Financial Aid is available to all students. Make sure to complete your FAFSA to receive scholarship, grant and loan opportunities. Call SDSU's Financial Aid Office for additional inquiries: 605-688-4695 or 800-952-3541.

# Your Passions, Your Career, Your Choice

## WHAT IS GPIDEA?

The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) is a partnership of 20 public university members providing access to the best educational opportunities by collaboratively developing and delivering high-quality, online academic programs. Great Plains IDEA is an academic alliance that offers fully-online graduate and undergraduate coursework and program options in high demand professional fields.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career opportunities include:  
 Child care provider  
 Preschool teacher  
 Para-professional  
 Head Start or Early Head Start  
 Afterschool or Boys & Girls Clubs

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Association for the Education of Young Children - East Central Student Chapter  
 South Dakota Education Association – Student Chapter

## COURSE WORK FORMAT

Program courses are taught online through the Great Plains IDEA program, a collaborative, multi-institutional consortium.

## SUGGESTED MINORS

Select a Modern Language  
 Human Development and Family Studies  
 Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

The Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Department is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs.

### MORE INFORMATION

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## MYSTATE: YOUR FUTURE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

### What is MyState?

MyState is an all-inclusive campus page personalized to you as an SDSU student. Gather information on upcoming courses, registration details, textbooks, current course schedules, your tuition bill and faculty contact information. Staying on track is easy with this central source of information for your online program.

### How do I check class availability for next semester?

In the Early Education and Care program, you will work closely with your advisor to progress each semester towards your degree. The Teaching, Learning & Leadership department will work with the Office of Continuing & Distance Education to ensure you are enrolled in the courses you need for program success.

### How do I check my campus email?

For any correspondence from professors or classmates, you can click the email link to sign in on MyState

### How do I find my list of required texts for class?

Simple! Click the MyState Textbooks link and look up your courses. All required books will be listed below each course.

### What else?

Through MyState, you can view your academic transcript, apply for scholarships and receive standard SDSU updates.



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