

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## OBJECTIVES OF PRESENTATION

**Facts of the Early Childhood Education Program**

**What we learned from the data?**

**Actions to be taken using the data?**



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD 7-YEAR REPORT

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Graduates	13	24	23	15	22	19	35
AA	9	17	14	9	17	10	16
AAS	4	7	9	6	5	8	15
Certificate	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Continuing Education	5	9	4	5	4	6	5
Employed In NE	6	13	18	9	18	11	26
Employed Out of State	2	2	1	1	0	2	2
% Employed/Cont. Ed	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Related Employment	75%	93%	95%	100%	94%	100%	82%
High Wage	**	\$10.25	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$16.00	\$24.87
Low Wage	**	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.18	\$10.25	\$9.23	\$10.25
Average Hourly Wage	**	\$9.47	\$10.63	\$12.52	\$11.83	\$12.00	\$15.43

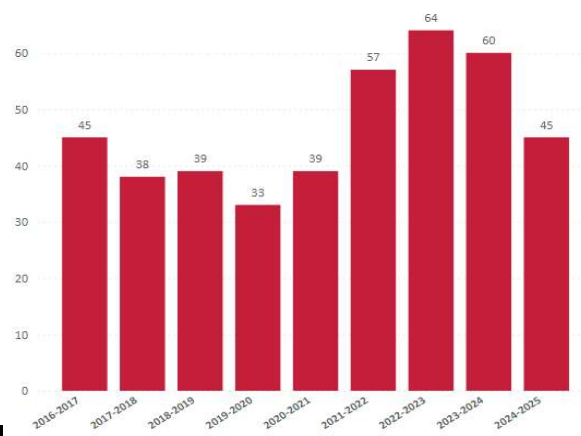


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*\*Power BI data, Enrollment and Student Demographics, Enrollments*

Enrollment per Academic Year

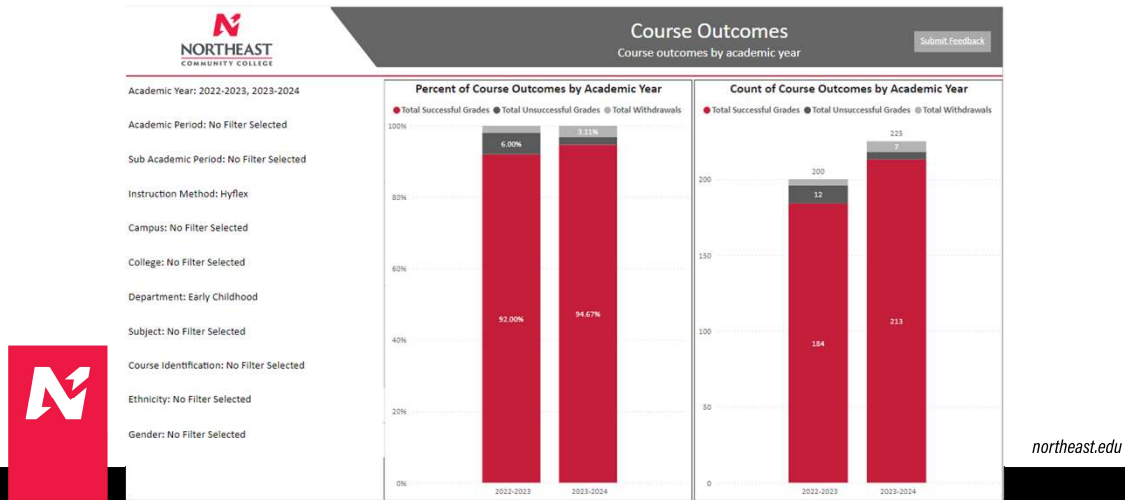


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## HYFLEX 2022-2024

COURSE OUTCOMES HAVE IMPROVED THE TWO YEARS HYFLEX HAS BEEN IN PLACE



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## AVERAGE FILL RATE HAS GONE UP ALMOST HALF.

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Course Statistics Summary**  
Course enrollment, fill rate, and outcome summary

Academic Year: 2022-2023, 2023-2024  
Academic Period: No Filter Selected  
Sub Academic Period: No Filter Selected  
Instruction Method: Hyflex  
Campus: No Filter Selected  
College: No Filter Selected  
Department: Early Childhood  
Subject: No Filter Selected  
Course Identification: No Filter Selected  
Ethnicity: No Filter Selected  
Gender: No Filter Selected

Course Identification	Maximum Enrollment	Post-Census Enrollment	Total District Students		Average Fill Rate		Unsuccessful Grades (DF)	Unsuccessful %	Withdrawn %	Total Unsuccessful (DFW)	Audit
			Fill Rate	Successful %	83.17%	83.17%					
ECED1110	80	67	83.75%	65	97.01%	2	2.99%	0	0.00%	2	0
ECED1120	36	25	69.44%	25	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0
ECED1150	80	60	75.00%	52	86.67%	5	8.33%	3	5.00%	8	0
ECED1160	50	53	106.00%	52	98.11%	1	1.89%	0	0.00%	1	0
ECED1220	69	40	57.97%	36	90.00%	2	5.00%	2	5.00%	4	0
ECED1230	49	45	91.84%	43	95.56%	1	2.22%	1	2.22%	2	0
ECED1260	49	35	71.43%	31	88.57%	2	5.71%	2	5.71%	4	0
ECED2060	49	52	106.12%	48	92.31%	3	5.77%	1	1.92%	4	0
ECED2500	48	48	97.96%	45	93.75%	1	2.08%	2	4.17%	3	0
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>83.17%</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>93.41%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.00%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2.59%</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Full-Time Faculty**

Lisa Guenther

**Adjunct Faculty**

Joshua Becker

Kandyce Charron

Aimee Clausen

Kristine Herley

Monica Pickinpaugh

Cheryl Timm

Sharyn Thomas



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**Advising of Students**

2024-2025 41 students

2023-2024 59 students

**Professional Development**

Safe With You Trainer yearly recertification, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Council for Professional Recognition Professional Development Specialist recertification, 2022, 2024

National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, November 2024

Nebraska Thriving Children, Families, and Community, September 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

National ATE Principal Investigators' Conference, October 2023

Raising Academic Integrity Standards in Education certification, August 2023

Emotional Poverty Workshop, September 2023

Professional Teachers Conference, July 2023

Early Educations Leadership Conference, October 2022, 2023

Nebraska Career Education Conference &amp; Presenter, June 2022

**Adjunct Professional Development**

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM

Dr. Wade Herley	Northeast Community College Business & Humanities Dean
Dr. Charlene Widener	Northeast Community College Vice President of Educational Services
Kimberly Anderson	Northeast Community College Associate Dean of Apprenticeship
Lisa Reiffenrath	Northeast Community College Director of Advising Services
Shavon Bonner	Fits & Giggles Director
Leslie Baker	Early Childhood Education Trainer/Coach/Consultant
Brandy Price	ABC 123 Childcare and Learning Center Owner/Director
Cassie Hill	Kings Kids Director
Melissa Jantz	Little Panther Preschool
Merisa Nathan	Early Childhood Community Coordinator
Kathy Amen	Amen 4 Kids Owner/Director
Chad Bryant	Helping Hands Childcare Director
Kelsey Schnoor	St. John's Childcare Early Childhood Director
Beth Shashikant	Project Coordinator Norfolk Childcare Collaborative
Tammy Day	Daycos, Norfolk Childcare Collaborative
Angie Stenger	Growing Nebraska Executive Director
Lisa Guenther	Northeast Community College Early Childhood Education Instructor

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### Fall 2024 Practicum Locations

Bright Steps Playcare, Baltic, South Dakota  
 Everyday Adventures Childcare, Wahoo, Nebraska  
 Fullerton Future Inc., Fullerton, Nebraska  
 Helping Hands Child Care Center, Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Kings Kids Childcare, Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Laugh & Learn Childcare, Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Little Bee's, Bloomfield, Nebraska  
 Little Sprouts, Pender, Nebraska  
 Sandhills First Steps, Burwell, Nebraska  
 Sacred Heart ELC, Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Scooby Snax & Backpacks Childcare LLC, North Platte, Nebraska  
 St. John's Early Learning Center, Battle Creek, Nebraska  
 Tabor Tots, Wausa, Nebraska  
 Tiny Toes, Hartington, Nebraska

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## EMPLOYERS, RELATED EMPLOYMENT 2023

Bright Beginnings  
 Cardinal Kids Learning Center  
 Columbus Public Schools  
 Dakota City Elementary  
 Gordon-Rushville Public Schools  
 In-Home Daycare  
 KidLogic Child Care & Preschool  
 Little Disciples Christian Childcare  
 Little Sprouts Child Development Center  
 Milestones Learning Center & Childcare

NENCAP Headstart  
 Norfolk Public Schools – Whee! After 3!  
 Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA  
 Northern Hills Childcare  
 Pearl Academy  
 Plankinton School District  
 Rainbow World  
 Ready, Set, Grow Daycare  
 St. Ludger Elementary School  
 USD Headstart



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### **Community Professional Activities**

Northeast Early Childhood Education is involved in as a participating member and in attendance at meetings with the following community professional groups:

Power of Preschool  
 Norfolk Family Coalition  
 Norfolk Childcare Coalition  
 Madison County Early Childhood Coalition  
 Siouxland Growing Community Connections

### **Statewide Professional Activities**


Northeast Early Childhood Education is involved in as a participating member and in attendance at meetings with the following Nebraska professional groups:

Buffett Foundation  
 Aksarben Institute  
 Northeast Nebraska Growing Nebraska  
 First Five Nebraska



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**Early Childhood Education Membership**  
 Child Development Associate (CDA) National  
 Credentialing Program  
 National Association for the Education of Young Children  
 (NAEYC)

**Community Volunteer Work**  
 Read Aloud Norfolk  
 Prime Time Family Reading Time  
 Elkhorn Valley Museum Children's area expansion

**Norfolk Area Childcare Collaborative**  
 Seven businesses are currently part of this collaborative:  
 Continental  
 Daycos  
 Elkhorn Valley Bank  
 Flood Communications  
 Norfolk Medical Group  
 Northeast Community College  
 Unity Eye Care

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**Transfer Agreements with Norfolk  
 Community College:**

- Wayne State College
- University of Nebraska Kearney
- College of Saint Mary
- Midland University

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**The following 17 courses are including in the review/transfer process:**

ECED 1050 Expressive Arts  
 ECED 1060 Observation, Assessment & Guidance  
 ECED 1110 Infant & Toddler Development  
 ECED 1120 Preschool Childhood Development  
 ECED 1150 Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
 ECED 1160 Early Language & Literacy  
 ECED 1220 Pre-Practicum  
 ECED 1230 CHOOl Age Child Development  
 ECED 1260 Early Childhood Health, Safety & Nutrition  
 ECED 1610 Infant Practicum  
 ECED 1620 Toddler Practicum  
 ECED 1630 Preschool Practicum  
 ECED 1640 School Age Practicum  
 ECED 2050 Children with Exceptionalities  
 ECED 2060 Early Childhood Education Curriculum Planning  
 ECED 2070 Family & Community Relationships  
 ECED 2450 Early Childhood Administration

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**Outreach and Recruiting Activities**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day  
 Campus Wide Career Days  
 Campus Visits  
     August 2023-July2024: 19  
     August 2022-July 2023: 18  
     August 2021-July 2022: 15  
     August 2020-July 2021: 16  
 Experience Northeast Career Day  
 Wayne State College Career Day\*  
 Norfolk Public School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

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**Strengths:**

- Increased graduation numbers
- Employers hire our graduates.
- Four pathway offerings: AA, AAS, CDA Certificate, Certificate
- Blendflex delivery method to meet the societal need of child care providers and workers while they attain their degree pathway for quality child care
- Our students are part of the needed child care work force while attaining their degree
- Safe With You training and background checks are part of the student's program.
- Northeast is part of the child care solution for our 20-county area and Nebraska as we are involved in the child care profession and needs through committee and board involvement.
- The positive reputation of our program
- Continued growth of the program through career days, student visits, and recruitment
- Northeast low tuition costs, scholarship programs, TRIO program, Work Study opportunities to help fund college for our students.
- Our students gain activity based experiences in the Early Childhood Education Club activities and our Practicum classes, and SkillsUSA.



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## MISSION MOMENTS

The Early Childhood Education program meets the needs of our students offering four degree/certification pathways and the blendflex delivery method. Our 20-county area and beyond acknowledges the quality of our program by hiring our graduates and seeking our professional help and expertise on committees and boards. The highest compliment is that families and the child care professionals send us their students to educate in our program. The Early Childhood Education program is an example of our Northeast mission, success of students and the region we serve.



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### WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE DATA?

#### ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN USING THE DATA?

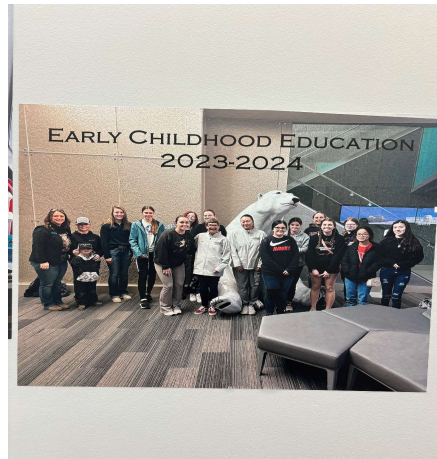
- The Early Childhood Education program is part of the child care solution.
- The Early Childhood Education program average student numbers have increased in all areas.
- The Early Childhood Education program should continue doing what is currently being done in all areas as it is successful.



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THANK YOU



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