

# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

PREPARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN—AND IN YOUR CAREER. EARN YOUR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE FROM KAPLAN UNIVERSITY.

Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program is designed to provide students with the introductory knowledge and skills for working with young children (birth through age eight) and families in early childhood settings.<sup>1</sup> Specific emphasis is placed on the young child's growth and development, working with children in the inclusive classroom, health and nutrition needs, and lesson planning and implementation.

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## NOW COULD BE THE RIGHT TIME TO JOIN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT FIELD.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the long-term national job growth in the child day care services industry is projected to grow by 15 percent through 2018.<sup>2</sup> An increasing emphasis on early childhood education programs is expected to increase demand for workers in this field,<sup>3</sup> and a number of employers prefer to hire workers who have taken postsecondary courses in child development.<sup>2</sup>

The child day care services industry also offers opportunity for self-employment. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics considers the industry one of the best in the economy for such opportunity.<sup>2</sup>



## AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE COULD HELP YOU GET AHEAD.

The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development program is designed to prepare students for careers in early childhood programs, child care centers, pre-kindergarten/kindergarten programs, Head Start programs, and other before- and after-school care environments.<sup>1,4</sup>

Career outcomes for graduates of this program could include, but are not limited to, child care worker, after-school program assistant, preschool teacher or aide, or self-employed child care worker.<sup>1</sup>

### POSSIBLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE:<sup>1</sup>

- **Child Care Worker**—Prepare children aged 3 to 5 years for school. Perform basic care activities, such as teaching children how to tie their shoelaces or write their names. Play educational games with children.
- **After-School Program Assistant**—Help children with homework and other school assignments. Watch over children to ensure a safe and positive after-school environment. Help manage the dismissal process.
- **Preschool Teacher or Aide**—Discuss educational activities with parents and staff. Teach and work with children aged 2 to 5. Help students with basic care activities (e.g. using the restroom, washing their hands). Monitor student progress.

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# REAL-WORLD KNOWLEDGE THAT WORKS

Kaplan University's **Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development** program is designed with a curriculum blending of theory and practice. The degree provides a general education foundation in ethics, critical thinking, and communication skills to support the roles and responsibilities in diverse learning environments. Courses include: Early Childhood Development; Early Childhood Curriculum Planning; Child Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Creative Activities for Young Children; and Young Children with Special Needs.

## Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development curriculum emphasizes the following program outcomes:

- Showing the ability to apply knowledge of child development and learning theory in early childhood settings
- Demonstrating an understanding of the development and implementation of strategies for building family and community relationships
- Identifying developmentally appropriate observational and assessment techniques for informing instructional planning for children and their families
- Showing the ability to use developmentally appropriate principles, tools, and practices used to create effective learning environments for young children
- Demonstrating the use of professional standards, ethical values, critical inquiry, and advocacy practices of the early childhood field
- Demonstrating an understanding of the importance of individuality and cultural diversity of children and their families to learning and development

## Program Detail

### Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development

- Credit Hours: 90



## HERE IS WHAT ONE STUDENT HAD TO SAY

**Lisa Evert<sup>5</sup>**

• Kaplan University College of Arts and Sciences Graduate

“The difference in Kaplan University is the instructors have real world experience, not just academic experience...they bring in their own insights, their own stories...experiences that actually helped to make not only the material come alive but made it very easy for me to understand the progression.”

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## WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>7</sup>

## Other Programs

### In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Associate of Applied Science in Educational Paraprofessional
- › Bachelor of Science in Communication
- › Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- › Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

<sup>1</sup> Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Career Guide to Industries, 2010-11 Edition, Child Day Care Services, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs032.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Child Care Workers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos170.htm>. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

<sup>4</sup> The Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Development is not represented as meeting specific state Board of Education criteria for assisting with children and teachers in a public school setting. Students are encouraged to check with their local school district on specific college education requirements needed in these fields.

<sup>5</sup> Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

<sup>6</sup> Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

<sup>7</sup> Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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*Sara Sander*

Sara Sander, Dean  
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