

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**PREPARE FOR A CAREER HELPING KIDS THRIVE.  
EARN YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM  
KAPLAN UNIVERSITY.**

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development is a nonlicensure program designed to prepare you to work with children from birth through age eight.<sup>1</sup> Our curriculum adheres to the National Association for the Education of Young Children's standards, and includes courses in early childhood curriculum planning, observation and assessment, children's literacy, language development, and learning through play.

Kaplan University's goal is to create a dynamic environment for online learning. Our technology and course delivery methods allow you to access our user-friendly classes virtually anywhere you have an Internet connection.

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

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, long-term national job growth for the child day care services industry is projected to be 15 percent from 2008 through 2018.<sup>2</sup> A growing emphasis on early childhood education programs is expected to increase demand for workers in this field over that time frame.<sup>3</sup> Some employers prefer to hire workers who have taken postsecondary courses in child development.<sup>3</sup>

The child day care services industry also presents opportunities for self-employment, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics considers among the best in the economy.<sup>2</sup>



## EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE COULD HELP YOU GET AHEAD.

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

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

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:<sup>1,4</sup>

- **Child Care Center Director**—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. Meet with parents or guardians to discuss each child's progress. Work to improve a child's language development, social skills, and reasoning skills.
- **After-School Program Worker**—Help children with homework and other school assignments. Supervise children to ensure a safe and positive after-school environment. Recruit parent volunteers to participate in administrative decisions and program planning.
- **Preschool Teacher or Director**—Discuss educational activities with parents and staff. Set educational standards and goals. Plan and direct educational content and monitor student progress.

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# REAL-WORLD KNOWLEDGE THAT WORKS.

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development program blends theory and practice. The curriculum provides an academic foundation in ethics, critical thinking, and communication skills suitable for a range of learning environments. Courses include: Early Childhood Curriculum Planning, Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood, Children's Literacy, Language Development in the Young Child, and Learning Through Play in the Inclusive Classroom.

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

- Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of child development and learning theory in early childhood settings
- Develop, plan, and implement strategies for building family and community relationships
- Evaluate developmentally appropriate observation and assessment to inform instructional planning for children and their families
- Evaluate developmentally appropriate principles, tools, and practices to create effective learning environments for young children
- Demonstrate the use of professional standards, ethical values, critical inquiry, and advocacy practices of the early childhood field
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of individuality and cultural diversity of children and their families to learning and development

## Program Detail

### Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development

- Credit Hours: 180



## 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 that many of 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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It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.<sup>6</sup>

## 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:

- › Bachelor of Science in Communication
- › Bachelor of Science in Human Services
- › Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
- › Bachelor of Science in Psychology

## Note From Dean

"The College of Arts and Sciences degree programs are designed to meet the needs of our students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Arts and Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in meeting their educational, career, and personal goals."

*Sara Sander*

Sara Sander, Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences

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### 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, 2010-2011 Edition, Child Day Care Services, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs032.htm](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, 2010-1011 Edition, Child Care Workers, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos170.htm](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 Bachelor of 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.