

# Early Childhood Education

Lake Superior  
State University  
*Petoskey Regional Center*

## Why Study Early Childhood Education at LSSU

The Bachelor in Early Childhood Education prepares professionals to provide high quality education and care for children birth through age eight in a wide variety of settings. Graduates are qualified to work as teachers and directors in private early childhood programs; state-funded preschool programs, such as Great Start Readiness Preschool; and federally-funded HeadStart programs. Students develop their understanding of typically and atypically developing children through integrated coursework and field experience, as well as two semester-long practicums. The required minor provides the opportunity for students to explore a related field, adding to their knowledge and skills for working with young children and their parents, or expanding their expertise for employment opportunities.

The early childhood education curriculum meets the National Association for the Education of Young Children standards for professional preparation, the Michigan Department of Education standards of quality for prekindergarten and teacher certification standards.

7 %

National Projected Job Growth\*

\*Occupational Outlook Handbook 2014-2024

\$45,790

National Median Starting Salary\*

\*Occupational Outlook Handbook 2014-2024  
Preschool/Child Care Directors



## Benefits of Attending LSSU-Petoskey

- ⚓ Small Class Size
- ⚓ Personalized Attention
- ⚓ Close to Home
- ⚓ Affordable

## Career Opportunities:

**Preschool Teacher; Preschool or Center Director; Lead Teacher; Assistant Teacher**

Field experience is embedded into all early childhood coursework at LSSU. Students complete field experience hours as part of their professional education coursework, being placed at appropriate levels in area pre-schools and centers. Specific assignments and tasks are designed for these placements, which serve to integrate the classwork on campus and the experience in the field. This intentional design serves to strengthen students ability to learn from these experiences and to reflect on their professional development as an educator. Students who earn a bachelor degree in early childhood education will complete more than 500 hours in field experiences, which begin with the first course they take in early childhood.

## Contact Us Today!

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