

Pine Technical College  
and Metropolitan State University  
Cooperative Agreement: Child Care and Early Education/Early Childhood Studies,  
Psychology Department

Metropolitan State University and Pine Technical College are both committed to serving students in the east central Minnesota area. Metropolitan State University has been recognized as a higher education leader in working collaboratively with other higher educational institutions. Similarly, Pine Technical College has worked cooperatively with higher educational institutions to provide students enhanced educational opportunities. This memorandum of understanding is designed to build on these partnerships to further facilitate student access to higher education and specifically to articulate the Pine Technical College program in Child Care and Early Education with Metropolitan State University's early childhood studies major housed in the psychology department.

### Joint Admission

Students may be jointly admitted to both institutions. With joint admissions, students are guaranteed a place in Metropolitan State University's early childhood studies major upon transfer from Pine Technical College. Joint admissions also provide that students:

1. can concurrently enroll in courses at both institutions;
2. will have access to program advisors at both institutions;
3. will have other rights and privileges of students at both institutions; and
4. will be sent mailings from both institutions.

### Transfer/Program Articulation

1. Only courses with grades of C- or better will transfer into Metropolitan State University. Transfer of lower division courses is limited to 84 semester credits (126 quarter credits).
2. Up to forty (40) semester credits (60 quarter credits) of general education courses will be accepted in transfer from Pine Technical College and can be used to meet Metropolitan State University's requirements for graduation.
3. Up to Forty-two (42) semester credits (63 quarter credits), required for the Pine Technical College's Child Care and Early Education program, can be used toward meeting the requirements of a Metropolitan State University bachelor of applied science degree with a major in early childhood studies.
4. Students may enroll in general education courses at Metropolitan State University while pursuing their studies at Pine Technical College, or they may also choose to transfer general education credits, offered by another regionally accredited post-secondary institution, to meet Metropolitan State University's general education requirements.
5. For graduation, students will need to complete, for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Studies, a total of 124 semester credits, including at least 40 upper-division

credits. A minimum of 30 semester credits must be completed while in residence at Metropolitan State University.

6. Students with an Associate in Arts degree from a MnSCU institution or students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum do not have to complete any additional general education requirements, consistent with Appendix A.
7. Pine Technical College courses will be accepted toward meeting Metropolitan State University general education requirements consistent with Appendix A.
8. The courses required for the A.A.S. degree in child care and early education at Pine Technical College and their relationship to Metropolitan State University requirements are listed in Appendix B.

Publicity

Each institution will include a jointly agreed upon description of this program in their respective catalogs and other printed materials.

Review and Modification of Agreement

This agreement shall be reviewed by the Dean of the College of Professional Studies at Metropolitan State University and the Dean, or designee, at Pine Technical College, on an annual basis or as the need may arise. Any modifications to this agreement will require written notification of the intent to change the agreement and the mutual agreement of the two parties.

Effective Date of Agreement

The agreement shall be effective on the date it is signed, and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either party upon one year's notice to the other party.

Metropolitan State University

Pine Technical College

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Department Chair                      Date

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Dean    Date

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Dean of the College of  
Professional Studies                      Date

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President    Date

Appendix A

Pine Technical College and the Metropolitan State University Cooperative Agreement Regarding the Early Childhood Studies Major

<b>Metropolitan State University</b>	<b>Pine Technical College</b>
Communications Writing (2 courses, 6 credits) Oral/Visual (1 course, 3 credits)	Communications ENGL 1275 College Composition ENGL 1276 College Composition SPCH 1270 Intro to Speech
Mathematics (1 course college algebra or equivalent, 3 credits)	Mathematics Math 1260 College Algebra Math 1250 Elementary Statistics
Natural Science (1 course with lab, 3 credits)	Natural Science (1 course) BIOL 1250 Biology I BIOL 1251 Biology II CHEM 1250 Principles of Chemistry I CHEM 1251 Principles of Chemistry II PHYS 1250 College Physics I PHYS 2250 College Physics II
History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses, 2 disciplines, 6 credits)	History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses, 2 disciplines) PSYC 1200 Intro to Psychology SOC 1200 Intro to Sociology ECON 1250 Principles of Microeconomics
Humanities and the Fine Arts (2 courses, 2 disciplines, 6 credits)	Humanities and the Fine Arts (2 courses, 2 disciplines) ARTS 1229 Intro to Visual Arts ENGL 1280 Intro to Literature ENGL 2280 Intro to Creative Writing PHIL 1210 Foundations of Philosophy PHIL 1270 Critical Thinking
Human Diversity in the United States (1 course, 3 credits)	Human Diversity (1 course, 3 credits)
Global Awareness (1 course, 3 credits)	Global Awareness (1 course, 3 credits)
Ethical and Civic Responsibility (1 course, 3 credits)	Ethical and Civic Responsibility (1 course, 3 credits) PHIL 2210 Human Ethics
People and the Environment (1 course, 3 credits)	People and the Environment (1 course, 3 credits)
TOTAL: 40 semester credits	TOTAL: Up to 40 semester credits

## Appendix B

### Pine Technical College and the Metropolitan State University Cooperative Agreement Regarding the Early Childhood Studies Major

The following major equivalencies will be observed for transfer students completing the Pine Technical College A.A.S. degree program in CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION and transferring into the Metropolitan State University's Bachelor of Applied Science degree in EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES.

Metropolitan State University	Cr	Pine Technical College	Cr
<b>Prerequisites</b>			
Psyc 100 General Psychology	4		
Psyc 212 Intro to Diversity and Ethics in Psychology	3		
<b>Core Courses</b>			
Psyc 355 Theoretical Foundations of Child Development OR Psyc 308 Child Psychology OR 308T Child Psychology Theory Seminar	4	CDEV 1210 (SOCP 1206) Foundations of Child Development	3
Psyc 356 Early Childhood Development within a Social, Cultural, & Historical Context	4		
Psyc 357 Observing & Assessing Young Children	2		
Psyc 415 Principles of Teaching & Learning in Early Childhood	4		
Psyc 416 Comparative Study of Early Childhood Program Models	4		
Psyc 418 Early Childhood Studies Internship	4		
Psyc 420 Early Childhood Studies Capstone: Professionalism and Ethical Issues	4		
<b>Electives (33 electives and 10 credits in guided electives)</b>	43	<b>Electives (Any of the following courses up to a total of 39 credits)</b>	
		CDEV 1200 (SOCP 1276) Professional Relations in Early Childhood Careers	3
		CDEV 1220 (SOCP 1215) Child Safety, Health & Nutrition	4
		CDEV 1230 (SOCP 1207) Guidance: Managing the Physical/Social Environment	3
		CDEV 1340 (SOCP 1218) Planning & Implementing Curriculum	4
		CDEV 1240 (SOCP1240) Family & Community Relations	3

		CDEV 2510 (SOCP 1280) Internship	3
		CDEV 2600 Professional Leadership	3
		CDEV 2620 (SOCP1278) Inclusion: Special Needs and Mixed Age Groups	3
		CDEV 2640 (SOCP 1248) Program Planning	3
		CDEV 2810 (SOCP 1298) Practicum 1	3
		CDEV 2530 Children With Difficult Behaviors	3
		CDEV Infant & Toddler Development & Learning	4

Total Early Childhood Studies 43  
Total General Education 40  
Total Upper Division Liberal Studies 8  
Total Electives 33

Total Child Development 42  
Total General Education 40

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Total B.A.S. Early Childhood Studies 124

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Total Pine Technical College 82