

# Support at Every Step

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS



## TIER 1



### Early Childhood Teaching and Ministry Overview

Learn ECE basics with our 25 free online modules.

Use the modules to onboard new staff or to lead out-of-the-box inservices for your entire staff—director, teachers, and aides—right at your school.

- Ministry
- Health and Safety
- Working with Children
- Teaching
- Childhood Exceptions

## TIER 2



### CDA Credential Training

We've made it easier for you to earn your CDA Credential.

You choose a track—Infant/Toddler or Preschool—and then take three online courses consecutively in one semester. We'll provide the textbooks, and we'll help you with your CDA application process afterward.

## TIER 3



### Early Childhood Teaching Ministry Certification

Become a called minister of the gospel.

MLC provides ministry training that leads to certification for all WELS early childhood teachers. District presidents encourage this certification for hired teachers and require it for called teachers.

## TIER 4



### Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education

Earn your two-year degree in ECE.

Intended for adult learners, this 67-credit online degree program qualifies individuals to receive divine calls to WELS early childhood ministries.

# 4 Degrees. 7 Emphases.

1 MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL.



What you do is more than a job.  
It's a calling. **A ministry.**

You need a master's degree to match.

## **MS** Education

- Educational Technology
- Instruction
- Leadership
- Special Education



Re-energize your ministry with fresh ideas and proven strategies. Choose your emphasis, customize your program, complete assignments tailored to your own school setting, and move through the courses on your schedule, not ours.

## **MS** Educational Administration

- Early Childhood Director
- Principal
- Technology Director



Whether you already lead or aspire to lead, this program equips you for the next step. Grow into that transformational leader God can use to strengthen schools, inspire teachers, and elevate student learning.

## **MS** Special Education

If you have a heart for struggling learners, this program will equip you to make a lasting difference. Learn to identify learning disabilities, implement IEPs and ISPs, and collaborate effectively with fellow professionals. Graduates qualify for K-12 special education licensure and a Minnesota LD license (transferable to other states).



## **MA** Theological Studies

Designed for Lutheran staff ministers and teachers, this program will deepen the foundation of your ministry. As you study Scripture, doctrine, church history, and ministry, you'll grow both professionally and spiritually, sharpen your philosophy of ministry, and prepare to respond faithfully to today's cultural challenges.



**PRACTICAL. CONVENIENT.**  
**AFFORDABLE. MINISTRY-FOCUSED.**

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*Congratulations*

TO 30 GRADUATES IN THE  
CLASS OF 2026!

