



Overview



The Head Start Pathways Program (HSPP) is an initiative to increase the number of highly qualified early childhood classroom staff who possess Indigenous knowledge and cultural understanding, both in and around the White Earth Reservation in Northwest Minnesota. It offers scholarships and other support services to those seeking a degree in Early Childhood Education.



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Student Support

- Laptops & IT Support
- Need- & Merit-Based Stipends
- Free Tutoring/Mentoring



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Head Start Pathways Program

College Assistance for Current & Future Early Childhood Educators

Two Degree Pathways



Associate Degree (AA)

- For those who are new to college or have earned some college credits
- Most courses taught in-person at WETCC, some in the evening, with a few available online



Bachelor of Science Degree (BS)

- For those with a two-year degree (or equivalent college credits) or those with a bachelor's degree in a different field who wish to pursue a BS in Early Childhood Education
- Program courses delivered primarily online through UMN Crookston

Scholarships

HSPP scholarships cover the cost of any required tuition, books, and fees that are not covered by other financial aid. For instance, a PELL grant is applied to a student's bill first, then HSPP scholarship funds are used to cover the balance.

All scholarships are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis.



No Tribal affiliation is required to apply. HSPP is open to both Native & non-Native students.

Eligibility



Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.

Program spaces are limited to twenty (20) students in each pathway. Therefore, priority is assigned as follows:

1. White Earth Head Start staff & parents
2. White Earth Child Care staff
3. Staff of other Head Start programs on or near the White Earth Reservation
4. Staff of other childcare programs on or near the White Earth Reservation
5. WETCC graduates
6. Area high school graduates and other community members



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