



Hours of Operation:

Our program operates from 7:30 – 5:30, Monday through Friday. Session begins the first week of fall classes and continues through the month of June.

The program is closed during university holidays, finals week, semester break and spring break.

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What parents say about our program:

“The facilities are excellent, the communication is terrific, and our child really enjoys the time she spends there.”



“I rave about the CDL to everyone I know!”

“We’ve been with the program for 3 years and our daughters have enjoyed and learned from Ruth Staples. Thank you!”

“Ruth Staples has been the best experience for our child and family!”

“Work days are much more enjoyable since I know my child is well cared for and his learning is at an optimum.”

“My child has thrived at Ruth Staples!”

“This is a model program!”

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A community of learners



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What is a Laboratory School?

Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory is a high-quality children's program where college students train to be teachers and scholars learn more about young children through research. As a teacher training facility we develop innovative educational approaches and model best practice in the field of early childhood education. Our nationally accredited program offers full day childcare services for children 18 months-5 years.

Why choose an NAEYC-accredited program?

NAEYC accreditation is an indicator of a high quality program. You can be assured that your child is in good hands. Only 9% of child care programs are accredited nationwide. The accreditation process examines the total program, emphasizing quality interactions among staff and children and a developmentally appropriate curriculum --what really happens to the children.



Why make your family a part of the Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory's Community of Learners?

Our Teachers

- Master teachers with a minimum of a masters degree and extensive experience supervise both classrooms.
- Students in child development/ early childhood education work closely with your child, receiving on-going feedback and guidance from our master teachers.
- Adult to child ratios exceed state licensing requirements and NAEYC recommendations assuring your child receives individualized attention every day.

Our Curriculum

- Your child will learn more than numbers, shapes, and colors. Our teachers plan activities that challenge children to learn: to question why and discover alternative answers; to get along with others; and to use their developing language, thinking, and motor skills.
- We believe that children learn best within the context of play.
- We offer an inquiry based curriculum that engages children through projects and activities building upon your child's questions and interests.
- We build children's confidence as learners.
- We meet or exceed all Early Learning Guidelines developed by the state of Nebraska.

Our Facility, visit us and you will see:

- Spacious, well equipped classrooms.
- Specialized areas such as our indoor wading pool and art studio.
- State-of-the-art playground and Angeline Anderson Children's Garden where children can observe, wonder, and marvel in their relationship with nature.

Our Families

- You are always welcome in the classroom.
- Observation booths are available where you can observe through one-way windows.
- On-going communication through PACT (Parents and Children Together) meetings, family potluck dinners, weekly newsletters, and parent-teacher conferences, and parent surveys.

