The Early Childhood Education program is designed to provide experiences in educational theory in the areas of social, emotional, cognitive, physical/motor and creative development for children from birth through age eight. Courses also are available for caregivers of schoolage children, ages 5 through 14.

### Core Competencies for Early Childhood Education

#### STATE CERTIFICATES
- State Initial ECE Certificate of Recognition  
  **12 Credits**
- State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization  
  Initial Certificate PLUS one of the following:
  - ECE General Certificate  
    **20 credits**
  - EC Infant Toddler:  
    **20 Credits**
  - School-Age Care:  
    **20 Credits**
  - Family Child Care:  
    **20 Credits**
  - Administration:  
    **20 Credits**
- ECE State Credential:  
  Certificate of Proficiency  
  **47 Credits**

#### ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES
- Early Childhood Education:  
  Associate in Technical Arts (ATA)  
  **90 Credits**
- Early Childhood Education:  
  Associate in Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T)  
  **90 Credits**
- Early Childhood Education:  
  Associate in Arts (AA)  
  **92 Credits**

#### PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR’S DEGREES
- Articulated  
  The Evergreen State College
- Related  
  Washington State University

#### SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
- Cleared Portable Background Check
- TB Test
- First Aid Card
- CPR Card
- Food Handler’s Card

#### JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES
- Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Child Care Aide
- Child Care Program Director or Supervisor
- Child Care Provider
- Private Preschool Teacher
- Education Administrators, Preschool & Childcare Center/Program
- Pre-School/Child Care Administrators
- Head Start Lead Teacher
- Head Start/ECEAP Program Coordinator

#### ENTRANCE CONSIDERATIONS
- Admissions
- Enrollment Prep
- Active Duty Military
- Veterans
  - High School Options
  - Running Start
  - Tech Prep
  - IB/AP
  - Fund Your Education
  - Financial Aid
  - Veteran Benefits
  - Active Duty & Family
  - BFET
  - Worker Retraining
  - Workfirst

#### EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- Olympic College Career Center
- Online Search:
  - Is this Career Field right for me?

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