Early Childhood Education (ECE)

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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

Special Program Requirements
- Cleared Portable Background Check
- TB Test
- First Aid Card
- CPR Card
- Food Handler's Card

Job Outlook and Wages
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Paths to Bachelor's Degrees
- Articulated
  The Evergreen State College
- Related
  Washington State University

Entrance Considerations
- Admissions
- Enrollment Prep
- Active Duty Military
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- High School Options
- Running Start
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Employment Assistance
- Olympic College Career Center

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