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**

- Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Child Care Aide

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**PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR’S DEGREES**

- Articulated  
  The Evergreen State College

- Related  
  Washington State University

**ENTRANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- Admissions
- Enrollment Prep
- Active Duty Military
- Veterans

- High School Options

**JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES**

- Pre-School/Child Care Administrators
- Head Start Lead Teacher
- Head Start/ECEAP Program Coordinator

**EMPATHY Tool**

- Fund Your Education  
  - Financial Aid  
  - Veteran Benefits  
  - Active Duty & Family  
  - BFET  
  - Worker Retraining  
  - Workfirst

**Olympic College Career Center**

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