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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