### 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

#### 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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