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

JOBS OUTFOLLOW AND WAGES

- Child Care Program Director or Supervisor
- Child Care Provider
- Private Preschool Teacher
- Education Administrators, Preschool & Childcare Center/Program

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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

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PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR’S DEGREES

- Articulated
  - The Evergreen State College

- Related
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ENTRANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- Admissions
- Enrollment Prep
- Active Duty Military
- Veterans

- Running Start
- Tech Prep
- IB/AP

- High School Options

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

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