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

PARTNERSHIPS TO BACHELOR’S DEGREES

- Articulated
  The Evergreen State College
- Related
  Washington State University
- Olympic College
  Career Center
  Online Search:
  Is this Career Field right for me?

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

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

- Olympic College Career Center
- Online Search:
  Is this Career Field right for me?