

## 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.

CAREER EXPLORATION

MY NEXT MOVE

### 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*

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Cleared Portable Background Check
- TB Test
- First Aid Card
- CPR Card
- Food Handler's Card

**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**

**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*

**JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES**

- [Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher](#)
- [Family Child Care Provider](#)
- [Child Care Aide](#)

**JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES**

- [Child Care Program Director or Supervisor](#)
- [Child Care Provider](#)
- [Private Preschool Teacher](#)
- [Education Administrators, Preschool & Childcare Center/Program](#)

**EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

**Olympic College Career Center**

Online Search:

Is this Career Field right for me?

**PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR'S DEGREES**

*Articulated*  
**The Evergreen State College**

*Related*  
**Washington State University**

**JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES**

- [Pre-School/Child Care Administrators](#)
- [Head Start Lead Teacher](#)
- [Head Start/ECEAP Program Coordinator](#)

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