Early Childhood Education (ECE)

Gayle Dilling  
Full-Time Faculty  
(360)-475-7289

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

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

PATHWAYS TO BACHELOR’S DEGREES

- Articulated  The Evergreen State College
- Related  Washington State University

ENTRANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- Admissions
- Enrollment Prep
- Active Duty Military
- Veterans

- 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:

- WorkSource
  - Is this Career Field right for me?

PLEASE SEND COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS TO:

Roadmap Helpdesk  Last Update: 6/2016

Non-Discrimination Policy: It is the policy of Washington’s community and technical colleges to provide equal opportunity in education and employment regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion, genetic information, gender identity, veteran status or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

wacareerpaths.com