

Early Childhood Education Programs

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Early Childhood Education is a comprehensive program of both theory and practical experiences designed to prepare you to work with young children. Many of the courses may be helpful to parents of preschool-age children and to persons working with families, children, and individuals. Graduates may qualify to be childcare aides, assistants, and teachers in preschools, day care centers, kindergartens, Head Start programs, and therapeutic relief nurseries.

You may select individual courses to meet your needs, or you may work toward an associate of applied science degree or a one-year certificate of completion, or Career Pathway certificates in Infant/toddler or preschool specializations. Students in the program must earn grades of "C" or better in all Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Human Development and Family (HDF) courses. In order to enroll in certain courses, students will be required to pass a criminal records check. A valid first aid card is required for graduation in both the one-year and two-year programs.

You may be interested in our Cooperative Work Experience program, which allows you to earn college credit for work relating to your program. With the approval of the program chair, you may enroll in ECE280B-L Cooperative Work Experience and earn college credit hours. For more information, look under Cooperative Work Experience in the catalog index.

Program outcomes

Students completing the ECE certificate should be able to:

- Apply principles and skills in observing children-birth to age eight-to select guidance techniques to promote autonomy
- Plan and implement nutrition plans
- Practice appropriate communications skills-both written and verbal-with supervisors, colleagues, and parents
- Plan and implement activities to work with children of diverse ages, backgrounds, and abilities based on developmentally-appropriate theories and observations

Students completing the Infant/Toddler certificate should be able to:

- Understand the developmental stages of children, prenatal to three years
- Plan and implement appropriate curriculum
- Demonstrate strategies that encourage healthy social and emotional attachment
- Be prepared to assess and, if needed, refer children for early intervention screening
- Use appropriate communication skills with parents of young children

Students completing the Preschool certificate should be able to:

- Understand the developmental stages of children age two-and-a-half to six years
- Plan and implement appropriate curriculum
- Demonstrate strategies that encourage health social and emotional attachment
- Understand assessment methods and use of appropriate referral agencies in the community
- Use appropriate communication skills with parents of young children

Students completing the degree should be able to:

- Plan and implement curriculum in early childhood education settings that support the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of all young children from birth to age eight, based on knowledge of children's development
- Use communication strategies to establish positive, collaborative relationships with families and colleagues
- Self-assess and evaluate professional practices based on a theoretical framework of child development
- Practice standards for professional ethics as applied to the early childhood workplace environment

Getting Started

The first step to entering the following programs is to take part in an assessment process, which includes taking the college's free placement test and meeting with Advising and Counseling Services staff. You may need to complete program entry requirements. Then your advisor will help you develop an individualized program of study, which may include one or more of the following:

MTH020	Basic Mathematics.....	4
RD090	College Textbook Reading.....	3
WR090	Fundamentals of Writing	4



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If you have questions about the program requirements, contact the Early Childhood Education program at 503.399.6076 or e-mail pam.ditterick@chemeketa.edu.

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Early Childhood Education Certificate of Completion

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the one-year program listed below are books, \$456; class fees, \$35; universal fee, \$798; equipment and supplies, \$36; immunization fees, \$10; basic first-aid card, \$35; food handler card, \$10; criminal records check, \$3-70; conference registration, \$100. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a certificate of completion by successfully completing the required 57 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all ECE and HDF courses.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
ECE068A	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE150	Introduction and Observation in Early Childhood Education	3
HDF222	Family Relationships+	3
HDF225	Prenatal, Infant, and Toddler Development	3
HDF249	Introduction to Working with Infants and Toddlers3	
MTH060	Introductory Algebra+ (or higher)	4
WR121	The College Essay+ (or higher)	4
Term 2		
ECE068B	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE151	Observing and Guiding Behavior.....	3
ECE152	Creative Activities.....	3
ECE155	Child Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3
	or	
NFM225	Nutrition	4
ECE161	Infant/Toddler Practicum	3
ECE162	Early Childhood Educator Orientation	2
HDF247	Preschool Child Development	3
Term 3		
ECE068C	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE153	Music and Movement for Young Children.....	3
ECE154	Children's Literature and Literacy	3
ECE163	Preschool Practicum	4
HDF229	Development in Middle Childhood	3
HDF248	Learning Experiences for Young Children	4

+Meets related instruction requirement, see page 50. For subject areas, see page 56.

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Infant/Toddler Certificate of Completion

This certificate provides students with basic skills in the early care and education of infants and toddlers. It is designed for students just entering the early care and education field, those who wish to focus their education and work experience with infants and toddlers, and for those already employed in child care, but who need an immediate certificate to continue working in an Oregon licensed facility. A student may continue

to seek the associate degree seamlessly, since the certificate classes are wholly contained within the degree program.

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the program listed below are books, \$347 class fees, \$35; universal fee, \$210; immunization fees, \$10; basic first-aid card, \$35; food handler card, \$10; criminal records check, \$3-83. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a certificate of completion by successfully completing the required 15 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all courses. Proof of first aid/CPR and food handler cards will be required upon completion of the program.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
HDF225	Prenatal, Infant, and Toddler Development	3
HDF249	Introduction to Working with Infants and Toddlers3	
Term 2		
ECE151	Observing and Guiding Behavior.....	3
HDF222	Family Relationships.....	3
Term 3		
ECE161	Infant/Toddler Practicum	3

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Preschool Certificate of Completion

This certificate provides students with basic skills in the early care and education of preschool children age two-and-a-half to six years. It is designed for students just entering the early care and education field, those who wish to focus their education and work experience with preschoolers, and for those already employed in child care, but who need an immediate certificate to continue working in an Oregon licensed facility. A student may continue to seek the associate degree seamlessly, since the certificate classes are wholly contained within the degree program.

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the program listed below are books, \$347 class fees, \$35; universal fee, \$196; immunization fees, \$10; basic first-aid card, \$35; food handler card, \$10; criminal records check, \$3-83. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a certificate of completion by successfully completing the required 14 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all courses. Proof of first aid/CPR and food handler cards will be required upon completion of the program.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
HDF222	Family Relationships.....	3
HDF247	Preschool Child Development	3
Term 2		
ECE151	Observing and Guiding Behavior.....	3
ECE152	Creative Activities.....	3
Term 3		
ECE162	Early Childhood Educator Orientation	2

Early Childhood Education Associate of Applied Science Degree

Once an associate of applied science degree in Early Childhood Education is completed, a student is eligible to take advantage of the transfer agreements with Oregon State University, Portland State University, and Western Oregon University.

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the entire program listed below are books, \$924; class fees, \$55; universal fee, \$1,386; equipment and supplies, \$72; immunization fees, \$10; basic first-aid card, \$35; food handler card, \$10; criminal records check, \$3-70; and conference registration, \$100. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn an associate of applied science degree by successfully completing the required 99 credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all ECE and HDF courses.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
ECE068A	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE150	Introduction and Observation in Early Childhood Education	3
HDF222	Family Relationships+	3
HDF225	Prenatal, Infant, and Toddler Development	3
HDF249	Introduction to Working with Infants and Toddlers3	
WR121	The College Essay+ (or higher)	4
Term 2		
ECE068B	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE151	Observing and Guiding Behavior.....	3
ECE152	Creative Activities.....	3
ECE155	Child Nutrition, Health, and Safety	3
	or	
NFM225	Nutrition	4
ECE161	Infant/Toddler Practicum	3
ECE162	Early Childhood Educator Orientation	2
HDF247	Preschool Child Development	3
Term 3		
ECE068C	Observing Preschool Experiences.....	1
ECE153	Music and Movement for Young Children.....	3
ECE154	Children's Literature and Literacy	3
ECE163	Preschool Practicum****	4
HDF229	Development in Middle Childhood	3
HDF248	Learning Experiences for Young Children	4
Term 4		
ECE251	Environments for Young Children.....	3
ECE261	Student Teaching 1, Early Childhood Education***	6
HDF285	Professional Issues in Early Childhood Education	3
MTH060	Introductory Algebra+ (or higher)	4

Term 5

ECE280D	Cooperative Work Experience	4
HDF257	Home, School, and Community	3
HDF258	Teaching in an Anti-Bias Classroom***	3
	Arts and Letters elective*	4
	or	
	Science/Applied Science elective*.....	4
	or	
	Communications elective* **	4
	Computer Science elective**	3

Term 6

ECE262	Student Teaching 2, Early Childhood Education***	6
ECE295	Administration of Early Childhood Education Programs	3
	Arts and Letters elective*	4
	or	
	Science/Applied Science elective*.....	4
	or	
	Communications elective*	4

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*Selection may not be repeated.

**See Associate of Applied Science degree guidelines on page 56.

***Students transferring to Western Oregon University should see advisor.

****Requires recommendation from two Early Childhood Education program faculty members.