

Make a difference: be an Early Childhood Educator

The OCCC Early Childhood Education program is designed to accommodate part-time and full-time students. Early education courses can be used to fulfill training and education requirements for family child care providers and child care teachers in Oregon.

- Do you love working closely with young children, ages birth to five, to assist with the organization of daily learning activities?
- Are you interested in making a measurable difference in the lives of young children and families?
- Do you want a career path with advancement opportunities, that you can accomplish while working in the field?

The Early Education Career Pathway certificate is designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge to work with young children.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Make an initial advising/information session with an Early Childhood Education Program advisor. Book your advising appointment online at oregoncoastcc.org/advising-appointments.

Bring high school and college transcripts, as well as any information regarding Child Development Associate and Oregon Registry credentials to your advising meeting, as they may articulate into certificate level coursework.

Academic Prerequisites

- Placement into WR 115 and RD 115.

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Outcomes: ECE Certificate Holders Will:

- Employ their understanding of and relationships with children and families and their understanding of developmentally and culturally effective approaches to teaching and learning to implement and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for all young children (critical thinking & problem solving; communication; cultural awareness)
- Identify themselves as collaborative learners who demonstrate reflective perspectives on their work, making decisions that integrate knowledge from professional sources. (Self reflection; communication)
- Know and use professional standards related to early childhood practice. (professional competence)
- Use observation and documentation, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence children's development and learning. (professional competence, communication)
- Use their understanding of the importance and complex characteristics of children's families and communities to create respectful reciprocal relationships that support and involve all families in their children's development and learning. (cultural awareness; self-reflection)

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Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program of Study

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Course #	Course Title	Credits
Total Program Credits		36	ECE 133	Practicum 1 in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 120	Introduction to Early Education and Family Studies	3	or ECE 131A	Practicum for Experienced Teachers	3
ECE 121	Observation and Guidance I	3	ECE 134	Practicum 2 in Early Childhood Education	3
ECE 122I	Environments and Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	4	or ECE 131B	Practicum for Experienced Teachers	3
ECE 123P	Environments and Curriculum for Preschool	4	ECE 196	Teaming and Communication in ECE Settings	2
ECE 124	Multicultural Practices: Exploring Our Views	3	HE 112 ¹	Standard First Aid and Emergency Care	1
ECE 130A ²	Practicum Seminar 1	2	HE 262	Children's Health, Nutrition & Safety	3
ECE 130B ²	Practicum Seminar 2	2	HEC 201	Family Partnerships in Education	3

¹ Students with a valid CPR card may receive non-traditional credit. ² Students must enroll in practicum seminar each term they take practicum. **OTHER NOTES:** Certificate classes may apply toward a CDA credential. CDA and Oregon Registry credentials may articulate into certificate level coursework. Tuition and Fees per credit hours is \$121/credit for Oregon residents. OCCC works with students to help assist them with the financial aid process.

Additional Information

While in the program, students must:

- Receive a grade of "C" or better in every required early education class in order to receive a certificate or degree
- Meet practicum competencies for the certificate and degree.
- Students may retake classes in order to meet the grade requirement with the exception of ECE 130A, ECE 130B, ECE 130C, ECE 131A, ECE 131B, ECE 133, ECE 134, and ECE 135. These classes may be re-enrolled in only once after a student receives a grade less than "C". Department approval is required for any student desiring to attempt any ECE course for the third time.

Practicum

Practicum (student teaching) is a required component of the program which

allows students to develop skills in working with children in a group setting using developmentally appropriate methods. Before students can begin practicum, they must submit the documentation referenced above. All required forms are available from the program office. Students are advised to begin gathering this documentation early (well before practicum begins).

Admittance to practicum is based on previously completed coursework, availability, and department permission.

To be considered for practicum, students must:

1. Be enrolled in the State of Oregon Office of Child Care, Central Background Registry;
2. Submit verification of measles immunization.
3. Submit verification of negative TB Skin Test within the last year;

4. Possess a current Oregon Food Handler's Certificate.

Note: costs associated with required practicum documentation are the sole responsibility of the student.

Other Requirements

- Criminal Background Check
- Students who do not pass the background check will be unable to complete some course requirements and will be ineligible to participate in training at affiliated practicum sites, to sit for licensure or certification exams, or be hired for some professional positions. If you believe that your past history may interfere with your ability to complete the program of study or to obtaining licensure, or certification in your chosen field, you should contact the appropriate state board or program director.