

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE

## Program Description

The Early Childhood Education One-Year Certificate program prepares students to work as a teacher or aid with children age 0-6. Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education One-Year Certificate, students will achieve Step 8 on the Oregon Registry Steps for the Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education.

## Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Early Childhood Education One Year Pathway Certificate will have the foundational knowledge to support their work towards:

1. Creating healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments for young children based on knowledge of child development in context
2. Build respectful, reciprocal partnerships with families and the community that support and empower families and involve all families in their student's development and learning
3. Have a working understanding about the importance of assessment including observation
  - documentation and other appropriate tools in partnership with families and professional colleagues to promote positive outcomes for each child
4. Be able to articulate what developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning
5. Have a beginning knowledge of how to create academic content that promotes comprehensive
  - developmental and learning outcomes for every young child
6. Demonstrate professionalism as an early childhood educator with behavior reflective of ethical guidelines and professional practices associated with early childhood careers

## Career Considerations

Students in the One-Year ECE Certificate program receive education and experience to support their work in a variety of early childhood education and care settings. These settings include both public and private infant toddler centers, preschools, private kindergartens, and in-home care settings. Course work in this certificate can be applied to either the AAS or AS degrees. Our One-Year ECE certificate program focuses on seven crucial learning outcomes to help prepare students for working with young children and their families.

## Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Term</b>		
ECE 140	Intro to Early Childhood Ed	3
ECE 230	Health Safety and Nutrition	3
HDFS 225	Child Development	3
HDFS 228	Exceptional Child	3
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Term</b>		
ECE 101	ECE-Sem-Prac I	4
ECE 154	Lit and Language for Children	3
HDFS 226	Infant-Toddler Development	3
HDFS 240	Contemporary American Family	3
PSY 130	Understanding Child Behavior	3
PSY 201	General Psychology I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Third Term</b>		
ECE 102	ECE-Sem-Prac II	4
ECE 150	Creative Activities for Child	3
ECE 178	Observing-Guiding Behavior	3
ECE 244	Indiv Learning-Preschoolers	3
MTH 060	Intro to Algebra (or higher)	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Total Minimum Credits</b>		<b>53</b>

## Program Entrance Requirements

### Academic Entrance Requirement

- Enrollment in Oregon Central Background Registry
- Verification of MMR vaccinations
- Food Handler's Certificate
- Students will need to complete either ECE 140 Intro to Early Childhood Ed (3 cr.), or HDFS 225 Child Development (3 cr.) with a grade of C or higher, before beginning practicum courses