

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the UCC Early Childhood Education program is to partner with our community to prepare high quality early childhood education providers to meet the cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs of a diverse population of children ages birth to five by offering opportunities for students to both learn theory and put theory and skills to practice in early childhood settings.

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. Describe 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. Explain 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. Discuss 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

Year One

ECE 101	Seminar/Practicum I	4
ECE 102	Seminar/Practicum II	4
ECE 140	Introduction to ECE	2
ECE 150	Creative Activities	3
ECE 178	Observing and Guiding Behavior	3
ECE 154	Literature and Language for Children	3
ECE 230	Health, Safety, & Nutrition for the Young Child	3
ECE 244	Individualized Learning for Preschoolers	3
HDFS 225	Child Development	3
HDFS 226	Infant and Toddler Development	3
HDFS 228	The Exceptional Child	3
HDFS 240	Contemporary American Family	3
PSY 130	Understanding Child Behavior	3
MTH 60	Introduction to Algebra (or higher)	4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4

Total Credits 49

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, or HDFS 225 before beginning practicum courses