

Early Childhood Education (ECE)

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WVC prepares students in the early childhood education (ECE) program for careers that focus on young children from birth to five years and their families. This program provides an understanding of a child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. It emphasizes practices that are developmentally appropriate and embrace both family and community.

The ECE program is designed to develop skilled professionals who understand and apply the principles of early childhood development to a broad spectrum of careers, advocate the early childhood education profession, and respond to community and workplace needs. Students and community members will also find the courses useful in helping them become knowledgeable and confident parents.

The WVC Early Childhood Education program has an agreement with Eastern Washington University (EWU) to transfer the associate in applied science-transfer (AAS-T) degree directly into the EWU Bachelor of Arts in Children's Studies program. Students wishing to pursue this pathway should work closely with the WVC ECE program adviser, who will help with course choices and the preparations for transfer. For more information, contact the adviser at 509.682.6633. Information about the EWU program can be found at www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Childrens-Studies.xml.

The early childhood education program at WVC is an evening program, allowing students to complete the certificate and associate of technical science (ATS) degree requirements in seven quarters. Completion of the AAS-T degree may require online or daytime classes, depending on the quarter students plan to take them. Please note that computer literacy is important in this career field.

To be eligible for a degree or certificate, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average. Core program courses may have prerequisite requirements. English and mathematics courses require qualifying assessment scores or acceptable preparatory coursework in those subjects. See the course descriptions for details.

For more information about graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, visit www.wvc.edu/ece.

Early Childhood Education

Suggested Course Sequence: Associate of Technical Science Degree Program

Offered at Wenatchee and Omak campuses

To be eligible for either of the associate degrees or the certificate, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

First Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED&105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships.....	2
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECE 119	Cornerstone.....	1

Note: students completing ECED& 105, ECED& 120 and ECED& 107 and who have received training in CPR/first aid and bloodborne pathogens may be eligible to test for the Child Development Associate national certification. Contact ECE program adviser at 509.682.6633 for further information.

Winter Quarter

OCED 102*	Writing in the Workplace/ Technical English or higher.....	5
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3

Spring Quarter

CMST& 101	Intro. to Communication <i>or</i>	
CMST&210	Interpersonal Communication <i>or</i>	
CMST&220	Public Speaking.....	5
ECED& 170	Environments for Young Children.....	3
ECED& 190	Observation and Assessment	3
ECE 132	Field Experience II.....	2

Note: concurrent enrollment in ECED& 190 and ECE 132 required

Summer Quarter

ECED&160	Curriculum Development.....	5
ECED&180	Language and Literacy Develop.....	3
EDUC& 150	Child, Family and Community.....	3

Total **50**

Second Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECE 117	Diversity	3
ECE 222	Arts and the Creative Process	3
ECE 220	Math and Science in Early Childhood	3
MATH& 171*	Math for Elementary Educators I.....	5

Winter Quarter

ECED& 132	Infant & Toddlers.....	3
EDUC& 136	School Age Care Management <i>or</i>	
ECED& 134	Family Child Care.....	3
ECED& 139	Administration of Early Learning Prog....	3
ECE 219	Language and Literacy Develop. II	5

Spring Quarter

EDUC& 204	Exceptional Child	5
ECE 221	Movement/Motor Development.....	3
ECE 290	ECE Practicum.....	4
ECE 260	ECE Capstone.....	1

Total **41**
Total Credits for Degree **91**

**Placement score required.*

Early Childhood Education

Required Courses: Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science - Transfer Degree**

Offered at Wenatchee and Omak campuses

Prerequisites for AAS-T degree: computer literacy skills and qualifying test assessment scores for placement in ENGL& 101 and MATH& 171 or higher.*

To be eligible for either of the associate degrees or the certificate, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

First Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED&105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED&120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships.....	2
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition.....	5
ECE 119	ECE Cornerstone.....	1

Note: Students completing ECED& 105, ECED& 107 and ECED& 120 and who have received training in CPR/first aid and bloodborne pathogens may be eligible to test for the Child Development Associate national certification. Contact ECE adviser at 509.682.6633 for further information.

Winter Quarter

ENGL& 101*	Composition: General.....	5
EDUC& 115	Child Development.....	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior.....	3

Spring Quarter

CMST& 101	Intro. to Communication or	
CMST&210	Interpersonal Communication or	
CMST&220	Public Speaking.....	5
ECED& 170	Environments.....	3
ECED& 190	Observation and Assessment.....	3
ECE 132	Field Experience II.....	2

Note: concurrent enrollment in ECED& 190 and ECE 132 required.

Summer Quarter

ECED&160	Curriculum Development.....	5
ECED&180	Language and Literacy Develop.....	3
PSYC& 100	General Psychology.....	5
EDUC& 150	Child, Family and Community.....	3

Total **55**

Second Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECE 117	Diversity.....	3
ECE 222	Arts and the Creative Process.....	3
ECE 220	Math and Science in Early Childhood.....	3
MATH&171*	Math for Elementary Educators I.....	5

Winter Quarter

ECED& 132	Infant & Toddlers.....	3
EDUC& 136	School Age Care Management or	
ECED& 134	Family Child Care or	
ECED& 139	Administration of Early Learning Prog..	3
SOC& 101	Intro. to Sociology.....	5
ECE 219	Language and Literacy Develop. II.....	5

Spring Quarter

EDUC& 204	Exceptional Child.....	5
ECE 221	Movement/Motor Development.....	3
ECE 260	ECE Capstone.....	1
ECE 290	ECE Practicum.....	4

Total **43**
Total Credits for Degree **98**

*Placement score required.

**Associate in Applied Science-Transfer Degree: the AAS-T is built upon the technical courses required for job preparation but also includes a college-level general education component, common in structure for all such degrees. The distinguishing characteristic of the AAS-T is a minimum of 20 credits of general education courses drawn from the same list as those taken by students completing the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) associate degree or the Associate in Science-Transfer (AS-T) degree (that is, the courses generally accepted in transfer). AAS-T courses are designed for the dual purpose of immediate employment and as preparation for the junior year in a bachelor's degree commonly described as the bachelor of applied science (BAS). The AAS-T degree generally will not be accepted in transfer in preparation for bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees, although the general education component of the degree will be accepted in transfer. (State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

Early Childhood Education State Certificate Options

Offered at Wenatchee and Omak campuses

Prerequisites for certificate of accomplishment options: qualifying test assessment scores for placement in ENGL 090 or ENGL 092 or above.

To be eligible for either of the associate degrees or the certificates, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

Required Courses: State Initial ECE Certificate

This certificate program is not eligible for financial aid.

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Total Credits for Certificate		12

Required Courses: State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - School Age Care

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Winter Quarter		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 136	School Age Care Management	3
Total Credits for Certificate		20

Required Courses: State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - General

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED&120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Winter Quarter		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3
Total Credits for Certificate		20

Required Courses: State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - Family Child Care

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED&120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Winter Quarter		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
ECED& 134	Family Child Care.....	3
Total Credits for Certificate		20

Required Courses: State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - Infants and Toddlers

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Nutrition & Safety.....	5
ECED&120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Winter Quarter		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
ECED& 132	Infant & Toddler.....	3
Total Credits for Certificate		20

Required Courses: State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization - Administration

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECED& 105	Intro. to Early Childhood.....	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
Winter Quarter		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
ECED& 139	Administration of Early Learning Prog....	3
Total Credits for Certificate		20

Early Childhood Education State Certificate of Completion Options

Suggested Course Sequence: State Early Childhood Education Certificate

Offered at Wenatchee and Omak campuses

To be eligible for either of the associate degrees or the certificate, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

First Year

Fall Quarter

	Credits
ECED& 105 Intro. to Early Childhood Education.....	5
ECED& 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120 Practicum-Nurturing Relationships.....	2

Winter Quarter

OCED 102*	Writing in the Workplace/ Technical English or above.....	5
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
	Select one of the five courses below:	
	EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior	
	ECED& 132 Infant & Toddler	
	EDUC& 136 School Age Care Mgmt.	
	ECED& 134 Family Child Care	
	ECED& 139 Administration of Early Learning Prog.....	3

Spring Quarter

ECED& 170	Environments	3
ECED& 190	Observation and Assessment	3

Summer Quarter

ECED& 160	Curriculum Development.....	5
ECED& 180	Language and Literacy Development	3
EDUC& 150	Child, Family and Community.....	3

Second Year

Fall Quarter

	Credits	
MATH&171*	Math for Elementary Educators I.....	5

Total Credits for Certificate 47

*Placement score required.