



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDAMENTALS CERTIFICATE

(33 Quarter Credits)

2020-2021



Program Prerequisites:

- RD 90 Transformative Reading (3 credits) or equivalent placement test scores
- WR 90 Introductory Writing (3 credits) or equivalent placement test scores

Course Number	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credits
Fall Term			9
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 101	Exploring the ECE Field	none	1
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 120	Intro to Early Childhood Education	RD 90, WR 90 or test. Rec: CAS 103W	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 126	Early Childhood Development: Birth to Age 8	RD 90, WR 90 or test. Rec: CAS 103W	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CG 101	College Survival and Success: Personal Responsibility	none	1
<input type="checkbox"/> HE 113	First Aid and CPR/AED Professional Rescuers/Healthcare Providers ¹	Rec: RD 115 or test	1
Winter Term			9
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 121	Guidance and Classroom Management	RD 90, WR 90 or test	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 122	Environments & Curriculum in Early Childhood Ed I	RD 90, WR 90 or test	4
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 130A	Practicum Orientation	RD 90 and WR 90 or test; ECE 101, ECE 120. Pre/co: HE 113.	2
Spring Term			9
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 124	Anti-Bias Practices	RD 90, WR 90 or test	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 200	Professionalism & Advocacy	RD 90, WR 90 or test; ECE 120	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HEC 201	Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections	RD 90, WR 90 or test	3
Summer Term			6
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 221	Observation, Documentation & Assessment	RD 90, WR 90 or test. Rec: pre/co: ECE 130B, ECE 134.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 130B	Practicum Seminar 1	ECE 130A. Coreq: ECE 134	1
<input type="checkbox"/> ECE 134	Practicum 1	HE 113. Pre/co: ECE122. Coreq: ECE 130B. Rec: HE 262.	2
Total Quarter Credits:			33
¹ Students with a valid CPR card may submit a form to request non-traditional credit.			

Career Description

The ECE Fundamentals certificate is designed to provide students with the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary to begin a career in Early Childhood Education. It prepares students for a variety of positions in the ECE field, but the main emphasis is on supportive roles, such as classroom or teacher assistants, in settings that serve children birth through age eight.

Course of Study

The certificate is equivalent to a Step 8 in the Oregon Registry. (The Oregon Registry Steps are a sequence of 12 steps that ECE professionals can ascend as they increase their training and education in the early childhood care and education field. As an ECE professional reaches specific steps they qualify for higher positions in the field.) It addresses all six of the Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators at an introductory to intermediate level. The certificate also provides students with the 120 hours of training needed to sit for the nationally recognized exam to earn the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

The ECE Fundamentals certificate runs four consecutive terms, fall through summer. It is designed for part-time students but can be combined with the Early Childhood Education Curriculum certificate to achieve full-time enrollment status. All certificate courses may be applied towards the Early Childhood Education AAS degree.

Practicum Requirements:

To be considered for practicum, students must:

- 1) Be enrolled in the Oregon Child Care Division, Central Background Registry
- 2) Submit verification of measles immunization
- 3) Submit verification of TB Skin Test
- 4) Complete a Food Handler's Certificate
- 5) Submit a copy of your current Infant/Child First Aid/CPR Card
- 6) Complete Recognizing and Reporting Child Care and Abuse (RRCAN)
- 7) Complete Introduction to Child Care Health and Safety (ICCHS)
- 8) Complete Safe Sleep for Oregon's Infants (SS)
- 9) Complete Prevention is Better Than Treatment (PBTT)

Costs associated with required practicum documentation are the sole responsibility of the student.

Program Webpage:

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cgcc.edu/career-tech-ed/early-ed>

This form is intended for advising purposes only. See your declared catalog for a complete list of degree requirements.

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