



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDAMENTALS CERTIFICATE

(33 Quarter Credits)

2023-2024



Program Prerequisites:

- Placement into IRW 115 Critical Reading and Writing (5 credits) or WR 115 Introduction to Expository Writing (4 credits)

Coursework:

Course Number	Course Title	Prereqs	Credits
Fall Term			9
ECE 101	Exploring the ECE Field	None	1
ECE 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 126	Early Childhood Development: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
CG 101	Career Guidance and College Success: Personal Responsibility	None	1
HE 113	First Aid and CPR/AED Professional Rescuers/Healthcare Providers ¹	Rec: IRW 115 or equivalent place	1
Winter Term			9
ECE 121	Guidance & Classroom Management: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 122	Environments & Curriculum: Birth to Age 8	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	4
ECE 130A	Practicum Orientation	place into IRW 115 or WR 115; ECE 101, ECE 120. Pre/co: HE 113.	2
Spring Term			9
ECE 124	Anti-Bias Practices	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
ECE 200	Professionalism & Advocacy	place into IRW 115 or WR 115; ECE 120	3
HEC 201	Family-Teacher Partnerships and Community Connections	place into IRW 115 or WR 115	3
Summer Term			6
ECE 221	Observation, Documentation & Assessment	place into IRW 115 or WR 115. Rec: pre/co: ECE 130B, ECE 134.	3
ECE 130B	Practicum Seminar 1	ECE 130A. Coreq: ECE 134	1
ECE 134	Practicum 1	Pre: CG 101, ECE 101, ECE 120, ECE 126, HE 113, ECE 121, ECE 122, ECE 130A, HEC 201, ECE 124, ECE 200. Pre/co: ECE 221; Coreq: ECE 130B.	2
Total Quarter Credits			33

¹ Students with a valid CPR card may submit a form to request non-traditional credit.

Career Description

For students not yet working in the field, it is recommended that this certificate be taken alongside or immediately after completing the ECE Curriculum certificate. Upon completion of both certificates, students will be qualified for teaching positions in private licensed child care programs. Early childhood professionals currently working in the field as home visitors, assistants, or teachers can apply this coursework towards their required professional development hours and to progress up the Oregon Registry Steps.

Course of Study

The ECE Fundamentals certificate is designed to build upon the fundamentals of ECE and provide additional knowledge and skills for creating and implementing a high-quality curriculum and an inclusive classroom culture for children birth through age eight.

The certificate addresses all six of the Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators, with an emphasis on child development and learning in context (Standard 1), teaching practices that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate (Standard 4), and the integration of academic content in the early childhood curriculum (Standard 5).

The certificate runs four consecutive terms, fall through summer. It is designed for part-time students but can be combined with additional ECE coursework 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.



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

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