

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Infant Toddler Certificate

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Early Childhood Education program is designed to prepare students for employment in early childhood education environments. Course work and practical work experience emphasize knowledge of normal growth and development of young children, guidance skills, and the planning and directing of activities for children which foster positive intellectual, social, emotional and physical development. Many of the courses are also excellent for parents or others who work with young children.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Development will be able to:

1. Create healthy, respectful, supportive and challenging learning environments for young children based on knowledge of child development
2. Create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families and involve all families in their student's development and learning
3. Develop and use effective and responsible assessment including observation, documentation and other appropriate tools in partnership with families and professional colleagues to promote positive outcomes for each child
4. Use a whole array of developmentally appropriate approaches, instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning
5. Design, implement and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive developmental and learning outcomes for every young child
6. Demonstrate behavior reflective of ethical guidelines and professional practices associated with early childhood careers

CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

The Early Childhood Education program Infant/Toddler certificate prepares students for entry level jobs and future careers in the following areas: Child Care Assistants, nanny. The State of Oregon requires individuals working in a licensed child care facility to have at least 14 college credits of Early Childhood Education.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Year One

ECE 101	Seminar/Practicum I	4
ECE 102	Seminar/Practicum II	4
ECE 178	Observing and Guiding Behavior	3
ED 154	Lit and Lang for Children	3
HDFS 226	Infant/Todd Development	3
HDFS 240	Cont. American Families	3

Total Credits 20

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirement

- Enrollment in Oregon Central Background Registry
- Verification of MMR vaccinations
- Food Handler's Certificate