



ASSOCIATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (40 CREDITS)

COMMUNICATIONS (10 credits)

* ENGL& 101 English Composition I 5

Select one: 5

* ENGL 103 Composition – Argumentation and Research

* ENGL 107 Composition – Writing about Literature

*COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS (5 credits)

Recommend:

ECE 161 Mathematics for Early Childhood Education *or* 5
any course that satisfies the quantitative/symbolic reasoning requirement for the AA-DTA degree.

HUMANITIES (5 credits)

Select one: 5

* CMST& 101 Intro to Communication

* CMST& 220 Public Speaking

SOCIAL SCIENCE (15 credits)

* PSYC& 100 General Psychology 5

* PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology 5

* Choose from: ANTH& 106 or 206 or SOC& 101 or SOC 211 5

NATURAL SCIENCE (5 credits)

Select from core Natural Science list (GER-NS) 5

ECE REQUIREMENTS (58 CREDITS)

ECE 111 Intro to Early Childhood Education 5

ECE 112 Planning the Young Child’s Learning Environment 5

ECE 202 Math/Science for Children 5

ECE 205 Music for Children 5

ECE 210 Curriculum Development and Application 3

ECE 212 Survey of Special Ed/Early Intervention 5

ECE 213 Literature for Young Children 5

ECE 215 Art for Children 5

ECE 220 Nursery School Practicum 5

ECE 222 Child Care Work-Based Learning 2

ECE 223 Special Education Work-Based Learning 2

ECE 224 Headstart/ECEAP Work-Based Learning 2

ECE 230 Parent-School Partnerships 5

ECE 240 Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children 3

ECE 280 Early Childhood Education Professional Portfolio 1

Total Credits Required 98

**Meets related instruction requirements for professional/technical programs.*

An I-BEST program is offered in a two-quarter day or night co-hort with intensive academic support for Levels 5 and 6 English as a Second Language (ESL) students and Levels 3-6 Adult Basic Education (ABE) and GED students to successfully complete the Certificate in Early Childhood Education. The training is part of a longer pathway leading to completion of an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Notes:

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The Early Childhood Education program is offered at the Ft. Steilacoom campus. Pierce College offers a Certificate, an Associate in Early Childhood Education, an AA degree with electives in Early Childhood Education and a dual AA/AT in Early Childhood Education.

The Associate in Early Childhood Education is designed to prepare students for a variety of positions.

Head Start Teacher
ECEAP Teacher
Pre-School Lead or Assistant Teacher
Director/Owner Child Care
Child Care Program Supervisor
Foster Parent
Paraeducator
Special Education Assistant
Child Care Teacher

The program is designed to prepare students to work with young children and parents in a variety of settings. Classes help adults increase their understanding of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of children and to apply developmentally appropriate guidance and curriculum methods to meet the individual and group needs of children and their families.

Individuals may enroll in individual classes as well as programs. Day, evening and weekend classes are offered.

The ECE program operates The Children's Center, an accredited college laboratory school, at the Ft. Steilacoom campus.

Students who intend to transfer to four-year institutions should work with an ECE advisor.

Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964.6265.

Pierce College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs and activities.

Program Outcomes

1. Promoting Child Development and Learning
2. Building Family and Community Relationships
3. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children
4. Teaching and Learning
 - a. *Connecting with Children and families*
 - b. *Using developmentally effective approaches*
 - c. *Understanding content knowledge in early education*
 - d. *Building meaningful curriculum*
 - e. *Child Guidance*
 - f. *Health, Safety and Nutrition*
5. Becoming a Professional



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Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**

Early Childhood Education: **402**

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