



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

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ECE 111	Intro to Early Childhood Education	5
ECE 240	Nutrition, Health and Safety for Children	3
Select one:		5
ECE 112	Planning the Young Child's Learning Environment	
ECE 205	Music for Children	
ECE 215	Art for Children	
Select two:		4
ECE 222	Child Care Work Based Learning (2)	
ECE 223	Special Education Work-Based Learning (2)	
ECE 224	Headstart/ECEAP Work-Based Learning (2)	

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS (8 CREDITS)

Elective	(course numbered 100 or above)	8
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Total Credits Required **25**

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.

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Program Outcomes

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 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.

The Early Childhood Education Certificate is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions.

Head Start Assistant Teacher

ECEAP Assistant Teacher

Special Education Assistant

Child Care Teacher

Students may enroll in individual classes as well as programs. Day, evening and some 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.

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

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

1. Graduates will promote child development and learning by using and articulating their understanding of young children's characteristics and needs to create environments that are healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging for all children.
- 4d. Graduates will understand content knowledge in early education by knowing the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas, including academic subjects, and identifying resources to deepen their understanding.
- 4e. Graduates will identify and explain the importance of appropriate guidance techniques and theories as an important classroom management tool.
- 4f. Graduates will identify and explain nutrition, health and safety practices and procedures appropriate for use when teaching young children.
5. Graduates will identify and conduct themselves as members of the early childhood profession by knowing and using ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice.



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Related Codes

Intent: **F or J**

Cert: **402C**

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