

**Certificate in Early Childhood Education**

* GED or High School Diploma ***is not*** required
* Earn a State Initial & State Early Childhood Education Certificate, which includes up to 50 college credits towards an Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education
* Complete requirements in just 4 quarters at College Fort Steilacoom
* Salary range: $21,900 - $58,230 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021)
* On-campus childcare available

**This IBEST supported program**

**provides additional academic**

**support (at no extra cost) built in**

**to your schedule to help you**

**succeed in a HIGH DEMAND job**

**training pathway.**

**Career Possibilities:**

* Child Care Assistant Teacher
* Child Care Program Supervisor
* Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher
* Family Childcare Provider
* Nanny or Au Pair

**Admission Requirements:**

* CASAS reading score of 217 or higher
* Negative TB test
* Cleared Portable Background Check from Department of Early Learning prior to Practicum Class

**Day and Evening**

**Classes Begin**

**Each Quarter**

**For Program Enrollment:**

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**Classes Held At**

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom

Pierce College Puyallup

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Pierce College has developed a three-quarter program that will provide a customized pathway for students to successfully complete the State Initial and State Certificate of Specialization (General) in Early Childhood Education. The training is part of a longer pathway with all credits leading to completion of an Associate’s degree in Early Childhood Education. **Students benefit from extra academic support in the ECED& 105 and EDUC& 115 classes, including arranged support outside of those classes**

***Class Schedule/Modality Published Quarterly – Schedule Subject to Change***

**Quarter One:**

ENGL 101 English with Support Lab, 5 credits

ECED& 105 - IBEST Intro to Early Childhood Education, 5 credits

COLLG 110 College Success, 3 credits

ABE/ESL 099 IBEST Academic Support-ECED& 105, Arranged - 1 basic skills credit (non-college)\*

**Quarter Two:**

ECED& 107 Health Safety and Nutrition for Children, 5 credits

MATH 111 College Math for Early Childhood Education, 5 credits

EDUC& 115 Child Development, 5 credits

**Quarter Three:**

ECED& 120 Practicum (online): Focus on Relationships and Communication, 2 credits EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior, 3 credits

EDUC& 150 Child, Family, and Community, 3 credits

ECED& 160 Curriculum Development, 5 credits

ABE/ESL 099 IBEST Academic Support-EDUC& 115, Arranged - 1 basic skills credit (non-college)\*

**Quarter Four:**

ECED& 170 Environments for Young Children, 3 credits

ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development, 3 credits

ECED& 190 Observation and Assessment, 3 credits

*\*Basic Skills credits are not eligible for financial aid-Basic Skills Tuition waived for IBEST supported students.*

**You may be eligible for Federal Financial Aid, Scholarships, or Grants**

**which help fund tuition, textbooks, and supplies.**

**For Opportunity Grant contact:** Roxanne Cassidy, (253-840-8329) or [rcassidy@pierce.ctc.edu](mailto:rcassidy@pierce.ctc.edu)

For additional financial assistance information contact Workforce Development (253) 964-6265