The Program

Early Childhood Education prepares students to enter the childcare and early learning field as highly skilled caregivers or early learning professionals who can immediately contribute to the development and growth of children. The Early Childhood Education curriculum promotes high quality early care and education. Opportunities for the ongoing professional development of child care providers is also included. Students have the opportunity to apply newly acquired skills and knowledge through participation in work experiences. Certified teachers may apply specific courses towards continuing education credits. In an effort to accommodate currently employed students, Early Childhood Education courses are generally offered in late afternoon or evenings.

Career Opportunities

- Preschool Teacher or Assistant
- Child Care Provider
- Child Care Center Teacher or Assistant
- Child Care Center Director

WWCC’s Degree Options

- Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences (AAAS) Degree in Early Childhood Education: Prepares graduates to enter the workforce.
- Associate in Arts and Sciences Transfer (AAS-T) Degree in Early Childhood Education: This is a dual-purpose degree that is intended to prepare students for employment in early childhood education, and for transfer to specific baccalaureate degree programs.
  - ECE: Initial Certificate
  - ECE: General Certificate
  - ECE: Infant/Toddler Care Certificate
  - ECE: State Certificate
  - ECE: School Age Care Certificate
  - ECE: Family Child Care Certificate
  - ECE: Administration Certificate

For More Information

Samantha Bowen • (509) 527-4237 • samantha.bowen@wwcc.edu

Walla Walla Community College  ... Your Best Choice
Walla Walla Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in programs and activities. Document last updated 4/2014.

Total Credits ...........90 credits

EPC: 402
(R) - OCSUP 101 (J) - OCSUP 103, PSYC 140
Total Credits ..................................8

L) - ECED& 139 (O) - CMST 102, CMST& 220, OCSUP 102
ECED& 170  (3)  ............................................Environments-Young Child
Winter Quarter
ECE 255 (3)  ....................................................................Children at Risk
ECED& 120, Practicum-Nurturing Rel ..........................................................2
ECE 150 (5)  ............................Math & Science for Early Childhood
Fall Quarter
Elective Courses: (choose 25 additional credits)
Total Credits ..................88-90

Total Certificate Credits ....20

OCSUP 103, Job Seeking Skills (J) ................................................3
ECE 239, Teaching Young Children II ...........................................................3

Winter Quarter
Total Credits ................................14

EDUC& 115, Child Development ....................................................................5
ECED& 132, Infants/Toddlers Care ................................................................3
Spring Quarter
Total Credits ................................12

Total Credits ..........................10 -12

EDUC& 136, School Age Care ..........................................................................3
ECED& 107, Health//Safety/Nutrition ..........................................................5
Total Credits ................................14

Fall Quarter
EDUC& 115, Child Development ....................................................................5
ECED& 134, Family Child Care .........................................................................3
Total Credits ................................17

OCSUP 101, Job Psychology (R) ....................................................3
ECED& 180, Lang/ Literacy Develop ............................................................3

Spring Quarter
Total Credits ................................16

Choose One from each area:
Humanities (5 credits)
MATH 100 or above ........................................................................5
ART, ASL, DRMA, ENGL (LIT only), FREN, MUSC, or SPAN [H] [HP]
Choose One from each area:
Choose One from each area:
(M)- Computation/Mathematics    (J)- Job Seeking Skills     (L)- Leadership
(W)- Written Communications   (O)- Oral Communications   (R)- Human Relations
Choose One from each area:

This schedule lists courses required for degree completion but the actual order and specific coursework may vary depending on student placement, start date, and quarter. Please check with your advisor prior to any substitutions.

This is a dual-purpose degree that is intended to prepare students for employment in Early Childhood Education programs such as head start, childcare or preschool settings, and for transfer to AAS-T Early Childhood Education.