



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

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Not sure where to start?



SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- [Cleared Portable Background Check](#)
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- [First Aid Card](#)
- [CPR Card](#)
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CAREER EXPLORATION & EMPLOYMENT

What can I do in this career field?



Is this a growing career field in WA?



Is this career field right for me?



Will this career field meet the needs of my family?



Receive support from:

[Job and Career Connections Office](#)

to access and use:

BEGINNING STATE CERTIFICATES

State Initial ECE Certificate
Course Worksheet: **12 Credits**

State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization

Initial Certificate PLUS one of the following:

- ECE - General: **20 Credits**
- Infant - Toddler Care: **20 Credits**
- School-Age Care: **20 Credits**
- Family Child Care: **20 Credits**
- Administration: **20 Credits**

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

[Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher](#)
[Family Child Care Provider](#)
[Child Care Aide](#)

ADVANCED STATE CERTIFICATE

State ECE Certificate
Course List: **48-50 Credits**

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

[Child Care Program Director/Supervisor](#)
[Child Care Provider](#)
[Private Preschool Teacher](#)

2 YR DEGREE

Associate in Early Childhood Education

Course List: **96 credits**

Sample Two Year Degree Plans:

Days Nights/Weekends

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

[Head Start/ECEAP Assistant or Lead Teacher](#)
[Special Ed.](#)
[Assistant/Paraeducator](#)
[Child Care Teacher](#)
[Director/Owner Child Care](#)

2 YR TRANSFER DEGREE

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer Early Childhood Education (AAS-T)
Course List: **96 credits**

Sample Two Year Degree Plans:
Days Nights/Weekends

PATHWAYS TO 4 YR DEGREES

[Pierce College Bachelor of Applied Science in Teaching](#)

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

[Elementary School Teacher, Gr. 1-3](#)
[Kindergarten Teacher](#)



[Special Education Teacher, Pre-K Special Education Teacher, Kindergarten/Elementary](#)

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

- [Gov't Funded Pre-school Teacher](#)
- [Pre-School/Child Care Administrator](#)
- [Head Start Lead Teacher](#)
- [Head Start/ECEAP Program Coordinator](#)
- [Home Visitor](#)



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Free resources and membership available



Hint:
Professional Membership looks good on a resume!

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