

Washington State Stackable Certificates

Early Childhood Education Statewide Certificates

In Washington State, early learning professionals who want to further their education have a clear path to follow: stackable certificates/degrees are made up of common courses available statewide. Visit the ECE Career Planning Portal to learn more: ececareers.del.wa.gov.

Colleges across the state offer common course numbers, course titles, course descriptions and student outcomes that are consistent within the professional development system.

All courses are aligned with the *Washington State Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals* (EPS_0023) available online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023. They allow students to earn “stackable” certificates: the courses that students are required to take will build on one another in a sequential manner and deepen levels of applied learning along the way.



INITIAL ECE CERTIFICATE
12 Credits

- ECED& 105, Intro to Early Childhood Education (5 credits)
- ECED& 107, Health, Safety, and Nutrition (5 credits)
- ECED& 120, Practicum: Focus on Relationships & Communication (2 credits)

SHORT ECE CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION
20 Credits

The Initial ECE Certificate PLUS EDUC& 115, Child Development (5 credits), and one of the following specializations.

General:
EDUC& 130, Guiding Behavior (3 credits)

Infant Toddler Care:
ECED & 132, Infant Toddler Care (3 credits)

School-age Care:
EDUC& 136, School Age Care (3 credits)

Family Child Care:
ECED& 134, Family Child Care (3 credits)

Administration:
ECED& 139, Admin Early Learning (3 credits)

Home Visitor/Family Engagement:
ECED& 138, Home Visitor/Family Engagement (3 credits)

STATE CERTIFICATE
47-52 Credits

The Short ECE Certificate of Specialization PLUS the following.

- English 100 or 101 or above (5 credits)
- Math: qualitative or conceptual math 100 or above or designated “Q/SR” (5 credits)
- EDUC& 150, Child/Family/Community (3 credits)
- ECED& 160 Curriculum Development (5 credits)
- ECED& 180, Language/Literacy (3 credits)
- ECED& 190, Observation and Assessment (3 credits)

Please note: Additional 3-8 credits vary by college or specialization.

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