

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY STUDIES - ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE

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The Early Childhood Education and Family Studies program prepares students to work with young children and their families in a variety of settings and sets the stage for those who wish to pursue higher levels of education and training. It is a broad-based foundation of theory and practice intended to support both those who have a definite career goal and those who are exploring potential options for working with children and families.

Coursework and practicum experiences emphasize the understanding and application of typical child growth and development theories, positive guidance approaches, high quality interactions and engaging curriculum experiences with children, and fostering development in all domains for children birth to five.

As an open entry program, we welcome students of diverse backgrounds and ages. All students must demonstrate the necessary emotional stability and maturity, the cognitive skills and abilities, and the physical stamina and responsiveness needed by professionals in this field. Students with challenges in any area should consult the program adviser for individual planning.

Students must fulfill all program competencies and expectations with or without accommodations, including those of our practicum courses in classrooms with young children. The number of practicum (co-op) placement sites is limited and students may only enroll in these courses with program faculty permission.

Graduates are prepared to be employed in a variety of capacities including working with children birth to five in early learning programs, assisting with instruction in the primary grades, and advocating for families in education and social service settings.

## Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, students should know how to:

- Design learning environments to support children's development and learning in all domains
- Implement Developmentally Appropriate Practices and all relevant guidelines
- Articulate the importance of effective observation, documentation, and assessment of children's development
- Develop positive relationships with families, colleagues and community members
- Apply content knowledge and inquiry tools to construct meaningful curriculum

- Demonstrate an exemplary work ethic and uphold the standards of the early childhood profession

**For the most part, courses that fulfill general education requirements can be taken in any term. Students should work with the faculty adviser(s) to create a custom academic plan based on course placement levels, career goals, and full time/part time status.**

Admitted students may also log on to Navigate (<https://mhcc.campus.eab.com/home/>) to start the process of building an academic plan based on this major and can notify an adviser for review.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all program (ECE) courses.

### First Quarter

Fall		Credits
ECE125	The Early Childhood Professional	3
ECE140	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
ECE158	Learning Environments	3
ECE170	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
WR121Z	Composition I ★	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Quarter

Winter		
ECE144	Observation Techniques	2
ECE145	Positive Guidance	3
ECE147	Infant/Toddler Caregiving	3
ECE166	Seminar - Beginning	1
MTH065 or MTH058	Beginning Algebra II ★ (or higher) or Quantitative Reasoning I	4-6
WE280CDC1	Co-op Education - Beginning - Early Childhood Education 1	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16-18</b>

### Third Quarter

Spring		
ECE135	Math Concepts in Early Childhood	3
ECE171	Families and Diversity	3
ECE173	Creative Art Experiences	3
HE261	CPR - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
Human Relations ( <a href="https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/aas/#human">https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/aas/#human</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>45-47</b>

Exploring **Early Childhood Education and Family Studies** as your major? Learn more with MHCC's Career Coach (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/programs/early-childhood-education-and-family-studies-child-development-certificate/209250/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>), which covers: skills needed for each career, wages, employment rates, and live job postings in the Greater Multnomah County Area.

Careers related to early childhood education:

- Childcare Workers (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/childcare-worker/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)

- Child, Family, and School Social Workers (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/child-family-or-school-social-worker/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)
- Education and Childcare Administrators, Preschool and Daycare (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/education-administrator-preschool-and-childcare-center-program/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)
- Nannies (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/nanny/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)
- Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/preschool-teacher-except-special-education/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)
- Teaching Assistants, Special Education (<https://mhcc.lightcastcc.com/careers/teaching-assistant-special-education/?region=Greater%20Multnomah%20County%20Area&radius=100%20miles>)