

Early Childhood Education (Basic)

Holland code family: Helpers

About the Program

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to work with young children from birth through 8 years of age and their families in a variety of settings including child care centers, family child care, preschools, Head Start, school age programs, home visiting, and parent education. It is planned to accommodate both full- and part-time students including those currently employed in the field.

The program has as its foundation the one-term basic certificate which also fulfills the formal training requirement for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The basic certificate prepares students to work in entry-level positions in child care programs, Head Start, or other early childhood settings. Students may choose to complete the CDA assessment process to achieve the CDA credential. The early childhood basic certificate is the first step in the Early Childhood Education career pathway leading to the intermediate certificate, the one-year certificate, and the AAS degree.

For the corresponding relationship of the Early Childhood Education coursework to the Oregon Registry: Pathways to Professional Recognition in Childhood Care and Education, go to www.pdx.edu/occd/oregon-registry-2 and click on Oregon Registry.

Entry Requirements

Students are required to complete the Placement Process to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading, and writing. As part of their training program, students must begin with the courses within their skill level as determined by the results of their placement assessment. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success. Students must score above RD90 and WR90 in order to take ECE courses but no minimal score is required in math. Students taking designated classes through The Job Council may defer going through the Placement Process until they have completed CDA coursework. For more information, call 541-956-7066.

Students are also required to provide information regarding their measles immunization status by completing the form found on the RCC Early Childhood and Elementary Education Department website and clicking on "Measles Immunization." Completed forms must be submitted to a department secretary.

Students must also obtain an RCC student identification card. RCC photos will be taken on a scheduled basis in the Student Services area on the Redwood Campus, Grants Pass (541-956-7090), or upstairs in G Building at the Riverside Campus, Medford (541-245-7560). Students should take their schedules to obtain an identification card. Take the identification card each time an observation is scheduled in an early childhood setting.

Many courses in this department require participation in community schools, programs, and agencies for observation and practicum experiences. Some of these sites may require a background check in order for a student to participate. Future employment serving children and families will require a background check. Students may wish to consider going through a background check process to be ready for potential observation, practicum, and employment experiences – check with an ECEE advisor for additional information.

For some classes, early childhood education students are required to use the Redwood Early Childhood Center, which is a Head Start site. Therefore, all students in the Early Childhood Education program must obtain prior clearance from Head Start. The process for doing this is on the Southern Oregon Head Start website, www.socfc.org. Click on "Volunteer" and then on "Download Volunteer Packet." Required paperwork must be completed before observing or participating at a Head Start site.

Advanced Standing

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college registration policies and the Early Childhood Education Department chair's approval. In order to ensure that coursework is current, program courses over 10 years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate department chair before being accepted toward core requirements. Each College Now student must meet with the department chair to determine placement.

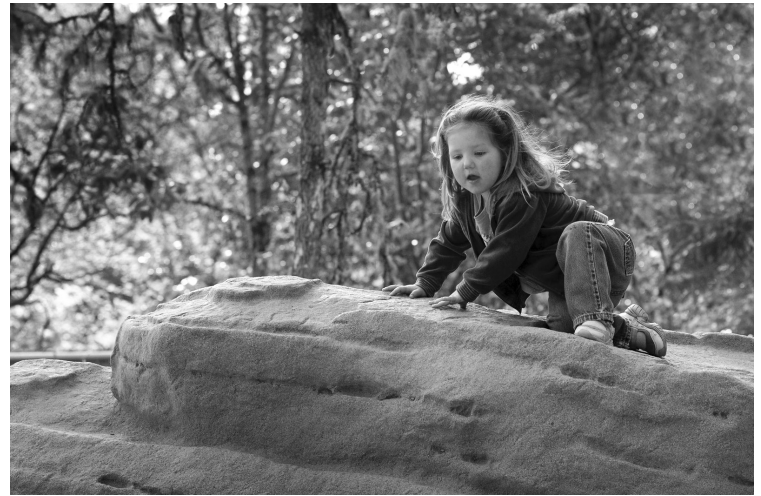
Credits earned in the successful completion of Career Pathways Certificates can be applied to other certificates and degrees in the Career Pathway. For more information, speak to a program advisor and review the roadmap at www.roguecc.edu/Programs/CareerPathways.

Early Childhood Education (Basic), Career Pathways Certificate (13 credits)

- Entry-level daycare provider, child care worker, or nanny ¹

Early Childhood Education (Intermediate), Career Pathways Certificate (32 credits)

- Daycare provider, child care worker, or nanny ¹
- Teacher aides/assistants ¹



Early Childhood Education, Certificate of Completion (51-54 credits)

- Daycare provider, child care worker, or nanny ¹
- Preschool teacher ¹
- Teacher assistant ¹

Early Childhood Education, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) (96-100 credits)

- Preschool and child care administrators ¹

Early Childhood Development, Associate of Science (AS) (105-109 credits)

- Preschool and child care administrators ¹

Elementary Education Associate Science (AS) (90-100 credits)

- Preschool and child care administrators ¹

Early Childhood Development SOU, Bachelor's articulated with RCC's AS degree

- Preschool teacher ¹

Elementary Education SOU, Bachelor's articulated with RCC's AS degree

- Kindergarten teacher ¹
- Elementary school teacher ¹

Management, SOU, Bachelor of Applied Science articulated with RCC's AAS degree

- Supervisor/manager ¹
- Business owner ¹

Early Childhood Development SOU, Master's degree

- Elementary school administrator ¹
- Special education teacher ¹

Elementary Education with continuing license, SOU, Master's degree

- Elementary school administrator ¹
- Special education teacher ¹

¹ For current wage and gainful employment data, see the Jobs & Wages box within the specific program roadmap at www.roguecc.edu/CareerPathways/

Completion Requirements

Students completing the required credits in this program with a grade of "C" or better will receive their certificates. Certain required courses are graded on a pass/no pass basis only. A grade of "P" for these courses indicates a student earned the equivalent of a "C" or better grade.

What skills will you learn?

Visit <http://go.roguecc.edu/department/program-learning-outcomes>.

What are the employment opportunities?

Visit <http://www.roguecc.edu/GainfulEmployment>.

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Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
RD90/WR90	College Reading/Fundamentals of Composition or WR91 Fundamentals of Academic Literacy (WR91 substitutes for both RD90 and WR90) or designated placement test score	<u>0-8</u>
Total Prerequisite Credits		0-8

Required Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
ECE125	Early Childhood Development	3
ECE126	Early Childhood Education Best Practices	3
ECE135	Applied Child Development	3
ECE136	Early Childhood Education: A Professional Overview	3
ED170	Introductory Practicum	<u>1</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS		13

For more information contact the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Department:

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Medford 541-245-7504
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