# Early Childhood Education (Basic)

## Career Pathways Certificate

### Major Code: 190708C

## 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.centerline.pdx.edu and click on Oregon Registry.

The curriculum in RCC courses is derived from a set of identified learning outcomes that are relevant to the discipline. For a list of learning outcomes for this discipline or program, see www.roguecc.edu/Programs/LearningOutcomes.

## Entry Requirements

Students are required to take the college placement test to determine skill level and readiness in reading, writing and math. Students must score above RD30 and WR30 in order to take ECE courses, but no minimal score is required in math. Students taking designated classes through The Job Council may defer taking the placement test until they have completed CDA coursework. For more information, call 541-956-7066.

For all early childhood classes, students are required to visit community classrooms to observe children, teachers, and/or classroom environments. In order for students to be permitted into many such sites, it is necessary to be enrolled in the Criminal History Registry. This registry is through the Oregon Office of Child Care and is not the same registry used by school districts. This can be accomplished by visiting the RCC Early Childhood Elementary Education Department website and clicking on "Criminal Background Check." On the Criminal History Registry application, pay attention to specific instructions for RCC students completing the form. The cost is $3 (unless you have lived outside of Oregon within the past 18 months) and must be submitted with the form. You must complete this process as soon as possible so that you are ready with your registry number when you need to complete your observation assignments. Your registry enrollment is valid for two years.

Students are also required to provide information regarding their measles immunization status by completing the form found on the RCC ECEE 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.

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." A criminal history check (see above) and 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 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) (108-112 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**
- Kindergarten/ Elementary school teacher [1]

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

**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 a "C" or better grade.

## Prerequisites

| Course No. | Course Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| RD30 | College Reading or designated placement test score as shown on current indicator chart | 0-4 |
| WR30 | Fundamentals of Composition II or designated placement test score as shown on current indicator chart | 0-4 |
| **Total Prerequisite Credits** | | **0-8** |

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## Required Program Courses

| Course No. | Course Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| ECE125 | Early Childhood Development [1] | 3 |
| ECE126 | Early Childhood Education Best Practices [1] | 3 |
| ECE135 | Applied Child Development [1] | 3 |
| ECE136 | Early Childhood Education: A Professional Overview [1] | 3 |
| ED170 | Introductory Practicum | 1 |
| **TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS** | | **13** |

[1] Also offered online and through College Now credit within high schools, or through The Job Council's Child Care Resource Network. Contact the Early Childhood and Elementary Education Department head for more information.

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

Grants Pass . . . . . 541-956-7066

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