

## Early Childhood Education

- **Associate of Technical Science Degree**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Preparation Certificate**

Wenatchee Valley College prepares students in the early childhood education (ECE) program for careers that focus on young children from birth to five years and their families. This program provides an understanding of a child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. It emphasizes practices that are developmentally appropriate and embrace both family and community.

The ECE program is designed to develop skilled professionals who understand and apply the principles of early childhood development to a broad spectrum of careers, advocate the early childhood education profession, and respond to community and workplace needs. You will also find the courses useful in helping you become a knowledgeable and confident parent.

The early childhood education program at WVC is an evening program, allowing you to complete the degree requirements in seven quarters.

### Suggested Course Sequence: Associate of Technical Science Degree and Certificate Program

*Offered at Wenatchee and Omak campuses*

Prerequisites for ATS degree and certificate options: ENGL 097, MATH 097 or qualifying placement, and computer literacy skills.

To be eligible for the associate degree or certificate, students must earn at least a "C" grade (2.0) in all ECE core courses and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

Note: At the end of the first year, students are eligible for an early childhood education certificate of completion.

### First Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECE 101	Introduction to ECE.....	5
EDUC& 115	Child Development..... <i>(formerly ECE 102, Child Development)</i>	5
ECE 119	Cornerstone.....	1
ECE 131	Field Experience I.....	2

*Note: concurrent enrollment in ECE 101 and ECE 131 required*

### Winter Quarter

ENGL& 101	English Composition I..... <i>(formerly ENGL 101, Composition: General)</i>	5
ECE 212	Observation and Assessment.....	3
ECE 113	Child Guidance.....	3
ECE 132	Field Experience II.....	2

*Note: concurrent enrollment in ECE 212 and ECE 132 required*

### Spring Quarter

BIT 116	Professional Work Relations.....	3
ECE 116	Working with Families.....	3
ECE 117	Diversity.....	3
ECE 108	Health, Safety, Nutrition.....	3
ECE 133	Field Experience III.....	2

*Note: concurrent enrollment in ECE 116 and ECE 133 required*

### Summer Quarter

MATH 108	Math Reasoning.....	5
EDUC& 204	Exceptional Child..... <i>(formerly ECE 125, Introduction to Special Education)</i>	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>50</b>

### Second Year

Fall Quarter		Credits
ECE 220	Math and Science in ECE.....	3
ECE 221	Movement and Motor Development.....	3
ECE 216	School-Age Care.....	3
ECE 206	Sharing Literature.....	3
ECE 231	Field Experience IV.....	2

*Note: concurrent enrollment in ECE 220 and ECE 231 required*

### Winter Quarter

ECE 219	Language and Literacy Development.....	5
ECE 215	Infants/Toddlers.....	3
ECE 222	Arts and Creative Process.....	3
ECE 232	Field Experience V.....	2

*Note: concurrent enrollment in ECE 222 and ECE 232 required*

### Spring Quarter

ECE 265	Program Management.....	3
ECE 260	ECE Capstone.....	1
ECE 290	Practicum.....	4
CMST& 101, 210 or 220	..... <i>(formerly COMM 102, 105, 220)</i>	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Total Credits for Degree</b>		<b>90</b>

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### • *WVC CDA Credential Preparation Certificate*

Students successfully completing the following courses will be able to test for the national Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and enter the workforce as a skilled worker:

#### **ECE 101 Introduction to ECE** (5 credits)

Overview of early childhood philosophies with respect to learning environments and their relationships to growth and development in all areas; developmentally appropriate practice in child guidance, professional development; strategies for ensuring a well-run program; and productive relationships with families. (Provides 50 clock hours toward CDA certification.)

#### **EDUC& 115 Child Development** (formerly ECE 102) (5 credits)

Child development in all areas including physical, social, emotional, communication and cognitive. Looks at patterns and sequences as well as individual development. Will consider the impact of community, family, cultures, disabilities and other external forces on development. (Provides 50 clock hours toward CDA certification).

#### **ECE 140 CDA Capstone** (2 credits)

Assists students in final preparation for CDA Assessment. Students develop CDA professional resource file, distribute parent questionnaires and review CDA competency goals/functional areas.