

**Program Description:** Whether you're a novice or a seasoned preschool teacher, the Early Childhood Education program at North Seattle College will provide you with valuable training and insight into how children learn. The program is designed for students who already work full-time, so classes are offered in the late afternoons and evenings. NSC's Early Childhood Education Program is built upon the Washington State Stackable Certificates, allowing students to complete certificates while working towards the AAS degree.

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**Note:** Advanced placement testing, work experience, and transfer of credits may result in course waivers, credit transfer, and advanced placement.

Students enrolling in this program should have access to early childhood settings and preschool-aged children. Observations of children and their environments is a requirement of the ECE Curriculum.

In order to successfully complete the program a 2.0 grade or higher is required in all Early Childhood Education and General Education/Related Instruction courses.

<b>Program Requirements</b>		
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>General Education/Related Instruction Requirements (20 credits)</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL& 101	English Composition	5
	Computation or Quantitative Elective: Math at 100 level or above, or ACCT 110	5
	Human Relations Elective: BUS 236, HUM 105, ISP 101, ISP 110, POLS 112, SOC& 101	5
	Five credits must be selected from an approved list of US Culture or Global Studies courses.	5
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Degree Requirements (56 credits)</b>	
ECED& 105	Introduction to ECE	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum: Nurturing Relationships	2
ECED& 132	Infants and Toddlers	3
ECED& 139	Administration	3
ECED& 160	Curriculum Development	5
ECED& 170	Environments-Young Child	3
ECED& 180	Language and Literacy Development	3
ECED& 190	Observing and Assessment	3
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3

EDUC& 150	Child, Family, and Community	3
EDUC& 203	Exceptional Child	3
TBD	Practicum- Instructional Interactions	5
TBD	Math and Science Methods	5
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Degree Electives (14 credits of the following)</b>	
CCE 145	Music and Creative Expression	4
CCE 195	Art for Young Children	3
CCE 200	Children and Nature	3
CCE 261	Readings in Early Childhood Education	1-6
ECED& 134	Family Child Care	3
EDUC& 136	School-Age Care	3
EDUC& 205	Introduction to Education with Field Experience	5
		Total Credits:90 (excluding pre-requisites)

**Program Outcomes:**

1. Student will establish or improve an early childhood learning environment using principles selected from classes (research, ECE theories and their life experiences).
2. Student will observe actions, language, and social behavior of young children in an Early Childhood Education classroom, assess children’s skills and behavior based on developmentally appropriate practices, and report their findings.
3. Critique organization and implementation of classroom processes in an early learning setting, identify concerns evident in the classroom, and formulate solutions to address these concerns.
4. Provide parent education and encourage parental participation in early learning experiences with their own and other children through opportunities offered at the early learning setting.

**What Skills do I need to be successful in this field?** To be successful in early childhood education you need to appreciate children, their families, and develop the abilities to use observation and assessment in order to plan and implement developmentally appropriate curriculum that meets the individual child’s needs. This is best accomplished through formal education and lifelong learning in ECE.

**What are some potential job titles?**

- Program Director
- ECEAP Family Support Specialist
- Child Care Center Lead Teacher

**Wages, employment trends and pathways.**

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**Suggested Course Sequence:** This program of study is outlined by quarter, and courses should be taken in the indicated sequence. However, it should not be concluded that students will always proceed through their program of study exactly as prescribed here. The number of quarters listed here is minimal. Not all courses are offered every quarter. Individual student experiences, educational and training background, and personal schedules and demands all may affect the time it takes to finish this program. Also, in general, summer quarter is not considered one of the full-time quarters in the program.

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter:** ECED& 105 Intro to Early Childhood Education; ECED& 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition; ECED& 120 Practicum: Focus on Relationships

**2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:** ECED& 139 Administration; EDUC& 115 Child Development; EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior; EDUC& 150 Child, Family and Community;

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:** ENGL& 101 English Composition; ECED& 160 Curriculum Development; EDUC& 203 Exceptional Child;

**4<sup>th</sup> quarter:** Math; ECED& 132 Infant and Toddlers; ECED& 170 Environments-Young Child; Electives;

**5<sup>th</sup> quarter:** Global Studies or US Cultures; Math and Science Methods; ECED& 190 Observing and Assessment

**6<sup>th</sup> quarter:** General Education; ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development; Assessment, Practicum: Instructional Interactions

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**Website:** <https://northseattle.edu/career/degrees/early-childhood-education-aas>