

STATE INITIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT)

(15 credits)

Program Description

Do you want to be an exceptional teacher for children? By studying Early Childhood Education at SPSCC, you will be a part of a diverse group of students who want to be part of teaching children between ages birth and 8. You will work with professors and teachers who are long-time and current practitioners of early childhood care in classes that are rooted both in theory and in practical, real-world experience.

Early Childhood Education is the systematic study of the care, development and education of children from birth to age eight. Students gain the knowledge and competency necessary for a professional career working with young children.

Career Opportunities

- Child, Family, and School Social Worker
- Education and Childcare Administrator
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Childcare Worker

State Stackable Certificate Requirements

- Prerequisite for Short Certificate of Specialization: Completed Initial Certificate
- Prerequisite for State Early Childhood Education Certificate: Completed Initial Certificate and Short Certificate of Specialization

Outcomes

South Puget Sound Community College believes that all students need to develop a broad range of abilities that will not only make them more effective in their professional pursuits but will enhance their capacity to relate well to others in their daily lives.

The SPSCC college-wide abilities are embedded into each program:

- Effective Communication
- Information Literacy
- Analytical Reasoning
- Multicultural Awareness
- Social Responsibility

Students will also demonstrate an understanding of the key elements of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation (www.naeyc.org)

(<http://www.naeyc.org>) and the Washington State Department of Early Learning Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals (www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023 (https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023/)).

Courses

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CCS 101	Pathways to Success	3
ECED& 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	5
ECED& 107	Health/Safety/Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationship	2