

# STATE SHORT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - GENERAL (CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY)

State Short Early Childhood Education Certificate of the Specialization  
(8 credits – plus Initial Certificate 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.

## 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.

At the completion for the Early Childhood Education Program, the successful student will be able to:

- Critically thinking in order to analyze, evaluate and solve problems using multiple methodologies
- Having multicultural awareness thru exhibiting an understanding of the ways economic, political, social, and culture factors impact identity and interactions
- Computation through identification, understanding and communicating the differences between quantitative and qualitative data and be able to explain results
- Demonstrating ethics through identifying complex ethical issues and recognizing and evaluating interrelationships of related issues

- Communicating effectively through written and verbal communications skills

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](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023)) ([https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps\\_0023/](https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/eps_0023/)).

## Courses by Quarter

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Quarter 1</b>		
Transition Studies		
<b>Quarter 2</b>		
MATH 092 or ABE 065	Mathematical Reasoning Contextualized Math II	
ENGL 090 or ENGL 095	Integrated Reading and Writing I Integrated Reading and Writing II	
<b>Quarter 3</b>		
ECED& 105	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	
ECED& 107	Health/Safety/Nutrition	
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationship	
CCS 101	Pathways to Success	
<b>Quarter 4</b>		
EDUC& 115	Child Development	
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	

## Pathway Maps

South Puget Sound Community College has provided pathways and associated recommended courses for ease of student selection based upon a student's career interest. Please review the pathway maps for required and recommended courses.

**Early Childhood Ed Pathway Map**  
 State Short Early Childhood Education - General  
 23 Credits

Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Transition Studies	Choose One: MATH 092 (5cr) <i>Mathematical Reasoning</i> ABE 065 <i>Contextualized Math II</i> *Note – ABE 065/ MATH 092 only needed if a student will take CMATH 107/MATH& 107	ECED& 105 (5cr) <i>Introduction to Early Childhood Education</i>	EDUC& 115 (5cr) <i>Child Development</i>
		ECED& 107 (5cr) <i>Health/ Safety/Nutrition</i>	EDUC& 130 (3cr) <i>Guiding Behavior W/Su</i>
	ENGL 090 (5cr) <i>Integrated Reading and Writing I</i> ENGL 095 (5cr) <i>Integrated Reading and Writing II</i>	ECED& 120 (2cr) <i>Practicum – Nurturing Relationship</i>	
		CCS 101 (3cr) <i>Pathways to Success</i>	