

Program map for Early Childhood Education (State Certificate) Certificate of Proficiency (COP)



2025-26

LCC's State Early Childhood Education Certificate provides the coursework for students to achieve level 7 on the Career Lattice. This certificate is the third level in the statewide one-year certificate. Built with Common Courses and Common Core Competencies, this certificate will transfer in and transfer to other community colleges in a seamless manner. Employees achieving this certificate will assist their centers in the Early Achievers Rating system. Students entering the Early Childhood Education Program must show evidence of a current TB test and obtain a cleared Portable Background check through Washington State Dept of Early Learning MERIT System.

See: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/background-checks>

View this program in the LCC Catalog (lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/programs/Education-COP-State-Early-Childhood-Education)

See also

- Degree Requirements for Teacher Education and Early Learning programs (lowercolumbia.edu/programs/education)
- Course descriptions in the LCC Catalog (lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/courses)
- Distribution lists in the LCC Catalog (lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists)

Important: Many course sequences only begin in fall quarter. Check with your program advisor.

By Quarter Overview

First Quarter

Get your Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations; Merit background check; and tuberculosis (TB) test

- COLL 101: College Success 101 (2 credits)

- ENGL& 101: English Composition I (5 credits)
 - *Placement Testing**
- ECED& 107: Health/Safety Nutrition (5 credits)
- ECED& 120: Practicum-Nurturing Relationship (2 credits)

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)

See advisor for winter scheduling. (lowercolumbia.edu/advising/meet-with-advisor)

Second Quarter

- ECED& 105: Introduction to Early Childhood Education (5 credits)
- ECED& 180: Lang/Literacy Develop (3 credits)
- ECED& 130: Guiding Behaviors (3 credits)
 - OR one of the following (3 credits)
 - ECED& 132: Infants/Toddlers Care
 - ECED& 134: Family Child Care
 - EDUC& 136: School Age Care
 - ECED& 139: Administration of ECE

*Pre- and/or co-requisite(s)

Initial Certificate

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Third Quarter

- Math&131 Math for Elementary Educators (5 credits)
 - *Placement Testing**
- EDUC& 115: Child Development (5 credits)
- ECED& 170: Learning Environments (3 credits)
 - OR ECED& 130 Guiding Behavior (3 credits)

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Fourth Quarter

- ECED& 190: Observation/Assessment (3 credits)
- ECED& 160: Curriculum Development (5 credits)
- EDUC& 150: Child/Family/Community (3 credits)

Early Childhood Education - State Certificate

Detailed Class Sequence

1. College Success 101

COLL 101 (2 credits)

2. English Composition I

ENGL& 101 or higher (5 credits)

Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): Placement Testing

3. Health/Safety Nutrition

ECED& 107 (5 credits)

4. Practicum-Nurturing Relationship

ECED& 120 (2 credits)

5. Introduction to Early Childhood Education

ECED& 105 (5 credits)

Pre- and/or co-requisite(s): Get your Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) and COVID-19 vaccinations; background check; and tuberculosis (TB) test

6. Lang/Literacy Develop

ECED& 180 (3 credits)

6. Guiding Behaviors or one of the following

ECED& 130 (3 credits) **OR** one of the following:

ECED& 132: Infants/Toddlers Care (3 credits)

ECED& 134: Family Child Care (3 credits)

EDUC& 136: School Age Care (3 credits)

ECED& 139: Administration of ECE (3 credits)

8. Child Development

EDUC& 115 (5 credits)

7. Math in Society

MATH& 107 (5 credits)

Pre- and co-requisite(s): Placement Testing

10. Learning Environments OR Guiding Behavior

ECED& 170: Learning Environments (3 credits)
OR ECED& 130: Guiding Behaviors (3 credits)

12. Curriculum Development

ECED& 160 (5 credits)

11. Observation/Assessment

ECED& 190 (3 credits)

13. Child/Family/Community

EDUC& 150 (3 credits)