

Certificate of Completion (COC)

Early Childhood Education (State Initial Certificate)

LCC's State Initial Early Childhood Education Certificate programs allow you to earn basic credentials for job opportunities quickly, then build on them for higher level credentials and job opportunities. The coursework in this certificate enables students to achieve level 5 on the Career Lattice. This certificate is the first 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>

Certificate Requirements

ECED& 105	Intro to Early Childhood Educ.	5
ECED& 107	Health, Safety, and Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum	2

Total credits required to earn this certificate: 12

Diversity and Distribution Lists (lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists) are available in the Lower Columbia College Catalog located at lowercolumbia.edu/catalog.

Students completing this program should acquire the following skills and abilities:

- Create and maintain a safe and healthy environment for young children.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how children differ in their development and approaches to learning and use this knowledge to provide opportunities supporting physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth.
- Develop relationships with children enhancing children's self-esteem, social-emotional development, and problem-solving skills.

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Notes:

This is a tentative schedule. Students may adjust the credit load according to their needs. The sequence should stay approximately as listed above even though there is some flexibility. Consult an advisor if you have any questions.