

## Certificate of Specialization (COS)

# Early Childhood Education (State Short Certificate) - General

LCC 's State Short Early Childhood Education Certificate of Specialization-General program provides the coursework for students to achieve level 6 on the Career Lattice. 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

**Total credits required to earn this certificate: 20**

LCC students must meet distribution requirements for associate degrees and specific certificates. See [Diversity and Distribution Lists \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/\)](http://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/) for more information.

## Program Requirements

Course Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
ECED& 105	Intro to Early Childhood Education	5
ECED& 107	Health/Safety/Nutrition	5
ECED& 120	Practicum-Nurturing Relationships	2
EDUC& 115	Child Development	5
EDUC& 130	Guiding Behavior	3

# Program Outcomes

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.

## Notes

**Revised May 2014 (effective Fall 2014)**

Consult an advisor if you have any questions.