Child Care Basics

Technical Certificate

The Child Care Basics Certificate will introduce students to foundational information for working in a group child care setting. This certificate provides a great starting point for a career in early childhood education and ladders into the Nicolet College Child Care Services Embedded Technical Diploma and the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

Students in the Child Care Basics certificate will be introduced to basic knowledge and skills required for working in a group child care setting. This certificate includes the Health, Safety, and Nutrition course, which provides students with a basic understanding of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families licensing requirements, and includes needed state-mandated trainings. Additionally, this certificate includes the Curriculum Development course, which provides students with an overview of the how's and why's of teaching in a child care classroom setting.

This 6-credit certificate is designed to acknowledge the basic educational requirements for a child care teacher assistant. Completers of this certificate will be recognized as Wisconsin Registry Career Level 7. This certificate is a great choice for child care programs looking to support staff's professional development, as well as improve Youngstar ratings.

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030716600	ECE Curriculum Planning Examines the components of curriculum planning in early childhood education. Integrates strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, examine the critical role of play, establish a developmentally appropriate environment, examine care giving routines as curriculum, develop activity plans that promote child development and learning, develop unit plans that promote child development and learning, and analyze early childhood curriculum models.	3.00
1030716700	ECE Health Safety and Nutrition This 3-credit course examines the topics of health, safety, and nutrition within the context of the early childhood educational setting. This course includes training for Abusive Head Trauma, SIDS, and Mandated Reporter certifications.	3.00

Total Credits: 6.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Next Academic Start Dates

11
JAN

Spring 2027 Term Starts

15
MAR

Additional Spring 2027 Start for Select Courses

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Program Tuition*

$967

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Not Eligible for Financial Aid

▸ Potential Indirect Costs

What You'll Learn

- Provide a healthy, safe, and nutritionally sound child care environment
- Apply developmentally appropriate practices when planning learning experiences and materials for children

Your Potential Careers

- Assistant Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Teacher
- Nanny

Median Annual Salary

Local	State	National
$25,700	$28,200	$31,400

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Get Started

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