

# 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	<p>ECE Curriculum Planning</p> <p>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.</p>	3.00
1030716700	<p>ECE Health Safety and Nutrition</p> <p>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.</p>	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

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## Summer 2026 Start Date

**May 18** - Summer Term Start  
**June 15** - Additional Term Start for Select Courses

## Fall 2026 Start Dates

**August 31** - 16-Week Fall Term Start  
**October 26** - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

## Spring 2027 Start Dates

**January 11** - 16-Week Spring Term Start  
**March 15** - Additional 8-Week Term 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.

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

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## 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
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## Your Potential Careers

- Assistant Child Care Teacher
  - Child Care Teacher
  - Nanny
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## Median Annual Salary

\$25,700

\$28,200

\$31,400

Local

State

National

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## Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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