NICOLET COLLEGE

# Child Care Services

## Technical Diploma

The Child Care Services Technical Diploma prepares students for working in a child care setting as a lead teacher. Earning this technical diploma allows students to complete their education in as little as one year. Additionally, students enrolled in the Child Care Services Technical Diploma will complete the first year of the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education at Nicolet College, setting them up for future educational opportunities.

In the Child Care Services Technical Diploma, students will gain a deeper understanding of child development, curriculum planning, classroom management, and implementing a healthy and safe classroom environment. This diploma includes one field experience course, which gives students a hands-on opportunity for applying what is learned in the college classroom.

This 30-credit diploma is designed to acknowledge the educational requirements for a child care teacher. Completers of this diploma will meet the educational guidelines for teachers in child care centers and will be recognized as Wisconsin Registry Career Level 11. This diploma 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 |
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| 1030714800 | ECE Foundations of Early Childhood Ed<br>This 3-credit course introduces the early childhood profession through a historical overview of the field. The course will explore program trends, quality indicators, and developmentally appropriate practices for children birth to age 8. | 3.00 |
| 1030715100 | ECE Infant and Toddler Development<br>This 3-credit course explores infant and toddler development as it applies to an early childhood education setting. This course focuses children conception through thirty-six months. This course includes training for Wisconsin Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care certification. | 3.00 |
| 1030716600 | ECE Curriculum Planning<br>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<br>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 |
| 1080119600 | Oral Interpersonal Communication<br>Focuses upon developing speaking, verbal and nonverbal communications, and listening skills through individual presentations, groups activities, and other projects. | 3.00 |

**TERM 2**

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| 1030711000 | ECE Soc S Art and Music<br>This 3-credit course will focus on beginning level curriculum development in the specific integrated content areas of social studies, art, music, & movement (SSAMM). Prerequisite: 1030716600 ECE Curriculum Planning (C or better). | 3.00 |
| 1030716000 | ECE Field Experience 1<br>In this 3-credit introductory field experience course, you will be introduced to the foundations of early childhood education under guided supervision of a mentor teacher in an early childhood setting, working with children birth through age 8. This course meets the requirements for the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards 18-hour training. Prerequisites: 1030716700 ECE Health Safety and Nutrition (C or better) and 1030716600 ECE Curriculum Planning (C or better). | 3.00 |
| 1030717900 | ECE Child Development<br>Description The 3-credit course examines child development within the context of the early childhood education setting. This course focuses on children ages 3 -8 years. | 3.00 |
| 1030718800 | ECE Guiding Child Behavior<br>This 3-credit course examines positive strategies to guide children's behavior in the early childhood education setting. This course meets the requirements of the Wisconsin Pyramid Model training. | 3.00 |
| 1080119500 | Written Communication<br>Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments is designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents. | 3.00 |

**Total Credits: 30.00**

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**

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**Additional Spring 2027 Start for Select Courses**

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## Program Tuition*

## $4,859

*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.

Financial Aid Eligible

▸ Potential Indirect Costs

## What You'll Learn

- Relate knowledge of child development to practice
- Create relationships with children, family, and the community
- Apply observation, documentation, and assessment strategies
- Implement developmentally appropriate teaching and learning experiences
- Demonstrate professional practice
- Follow health, safety, and nutrition practices

## Your Potential Careers

- Child Care Teacher
- Child Care Assistant Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- Nanny

## Median Annual Salary

| $25,700 | $28,200 | $31,400 |
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| 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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