

About the Preschool Program

Start on your path to a Preschool technical diploma. This industry-recognized credential provides the skills necessary for entry-level employment in the field and all courses apply to the next level of degree. For more information on all of the courses in the Preschool technical program.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

TERM: 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030710800	<p>ECE Early Language and Literacy This course explores strategies to encourage the development of early language and literacy knowledge and skill building in children birth to 8 years of age. Learners will investigate the components of literacy including; literacy and a source of enjoyment, vocabulary and oral language, phonological awareness, knowledge of print, letters and words, comprehension and an understanding of books and other texts. Theories and philosophies regarding children's language and literacy development will be addressed. Dual language learning will be examined within the context of developmentally appropriate practices. Assessment tools for early language and literacy acquisition will be reviewed.</p>	3.00
1030714800	<p>ECE Foundations of Early Childhood Ed Introduces the student to the early childhood profession. Students will integrate strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, investigate the history of early childhood education, summarize types of early childhood education settings, identify the components of a quality early childhood education program, summarize responsibilities of early childhood education professionals, and explore early childhood curriculum models.</p>	3.00
1030716700	<p>ECE Health Safety and Nutrition Examines the topics of health, safety, and nutrition within the context of the early childhood educational setting. Integrates strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives; follow governmental regulations and professional standards as they apply to health, safety, and nutrition; provide a safe early childhood program; provide a healthy early childhood program; provide a nutritionally, sound early childhood program; adhere to child abuse and neglect mandates; apply Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) risk reduction strategies; incorporate health, safety, and nutrition concepts into the children's curriculum.</p>	3.00
TERM: 2		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030711000	<p>ECE Soc S Art and Music Art Music and Language Arts Focuses on beginning-level curriculum development in the specific content areas of arts, music, and language arts. Explores integration strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives; examine the critical role of play; establish a developmentally appropriate environment; develop activity plans that promote child development and learning; analyze care giving routines as curriculum; create developmentally appropriate language, literature, and literacy activities; create developmentally appropriate art activities; and create developmentally appropriate music and movement activities.</p>	3.00

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030717400	<p>ECE Introductory Practicum</p> <p>Students will learn about and apply the course competencies in an actual childcare setting. Students will document children's behavior, explore the standards for quality early childhood education, explore strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, implement activities developed by the co-teacher/instructor, demonstrate professional behaviors, practice caregiving routines as curriculum, practice positive interpersonal skills with children and adults, analyze the guiding principles and the five developmental domains related to the WI Early Learning Standards, integrate the WI Early Learning Standards into the program's teaching cycle (ongoing assessment, planning and curriculum goals, and implementation), and evaluate learning and assessment activities using the early learning standards for each individual child.</p> <p>Prerequisite: 1030716700 ECE Health Safety and Nutrition (C or better).</p>	3.00
1030717900	<p>ECE Child Development</p> <p>Examines child development within the context of the early childhood education setting. Students will analyze social, cultural, and economic influences on child development; summarize child development theories; analyze development of children age three through age eight, summarize the methods and designs of child development research; and analyze the role of heredity and environment.</p>	3.00
1030718800	<p>ECE Guiding Child Behavior</p> <p>Examines positive strategies to guide children's behavior in the early childhood education setting. Students will integrate strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, summarize early childhood guidance principles, analyze factors that affect the behavior of children, practice positive guidance strategies, develop guidance strategies to meet individual needs, and create a guidance philosophy.</p>	3.00

TERM: 3

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030717500	<p>ECE Preschool Practicum</p> <p>This course will apply as the capstone course in The Registry Preschool Credential. You will be placed or working in an early childhood setting with 3-5 year old children and create a portfolio that prepares you for The Registry commission. In this course you will be implementing regulations and standards for quality early childhood education, applying knowledge of child development and positive guidance, utilizing observation and assessment techniques, and assessing developmentally appropriate environments for preschoolers.</p> <p>Prerequisites: 1030717400 ECE Introductory Practicum (C or better) and 1030718800 ECE Guiding Child Behavior (C or better).</p>	3.00

Total Credits: 24.00

Talk with an Academic Advisor 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



ON CAMPUS ONLINE CLASSES

Term Start Dates

Summer 2021: May 7

Fall 2021: September 1

Spring 2022: January 5

Start dates represent the beginning of a new term. Certain programs or courses may not be available to start every term. Please view the [course schedules](#) for a list of upcoming classes or contact the Welcome Center at 715-365-4493.

[VIEW FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

Approximate Cost

\$3,596*

Financial Aid Eligible

*Based on 20-level courses—materials, books, and fees may be additional

What You'll Learn

- Identify the relationship between child development theory to practice
- Develop positive relationships with children and adults
- Implement developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Utilize health, safety, and nutrition practices

Your Potential Careers

- Preschool Teacher
- Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Head Start Teacher Assistant

Median Annual Salary

\$20,814	\$22,496	\$24,331
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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