NICOLET COLLEGE

Early Childhood Educator Apprentice

The Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship program prepares students to work as early childhood educators. It combines hands-on fieldwork with related academic work. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children in the birth-to-eight-years age range. They create and maintain safe and healthy play environments, guide behavior, plan and implement learning experiences, and work cooperatively with staff and families.

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030714800	ECE Foundations of Early Childhood Education 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
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

TERM 2

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030717900	ECE Child Development 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 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

TERM 3

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030718700	ECE Children with Differing Abilities This 3-credit course focuses on the child with differing abilities in an inclusive early childhood education setting while examining strategies for cultivating partnerships with families and community supports.	3.00
1030715100	ECE Infant and Toddler Development 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

TERM 4

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030710800	ECE Early Language and Literacy	3.00

Course #	Course Title	Credits
	This 3-credit course explores strategies to encourage the development of early language and literacy knowledge and skill building in children birth to 8 years of age.	
1030719500	ECE Family and Community Relationships This 3-credit course will examine the role of relationships with family and community in early childhood education. In this course, students will complete the Strengthening Families Training.	3.00
4745545500	Transition to Trainer: Your Role as a Skilled Worker Trainer	0.00

Total Credits: 24.00

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

VIEW FULL CALENDAR

Get Started

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

APPLY NOW