NICOLET COLLEGE

Family Child Care Certificate

Technical Certificate

If you plan to provide childcare in a home or family setting, this certificate program will help you examine child development, quality standards, community resources, health and wellness, and family partnerships. You'll also learn how to promote desired outcomes through play-based learning, observation and assessment. Choose additional courses to gain skills for curriculum planning, strategies for guiding behavior or care for children at various developmental stages. Upon completion, you'll be prepared for the Family Child Care Credential from The Registry, Wisconsin's Recognition System for the Childhood Care and Education Profession.

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030730100	Introduction to Family Child Care Introduces family child care topics such as quality standards, health and wellness, child development, curriculum planning, guiding children's behavior, program wellness, and provider health and wellness. This course fulfills requirements for Department of Children and Families entry-level courses Fundamentals of Family Child Care and Introduction to the Child Care Profession.	3.00
1030730200	Family Child Care Responsive Planning Focuses on creating responsive family child care programming with an emphasis on building relationships and curriculum. Introduces important topics such as quality standards for relationships, intentional relationships, diversity and anti-bias perspectives, family partnerships, mixed age curriculum, learning environment indoor and outdoor.	3.00

TERM 2

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030713500	Family Child Care Capstone Demonstrate the integration and application of specific concepts and skills of family child care including mixed-age curriculum, quality standards, professional development, community resources, health and wellness practices, family partnerships, and financial management. This capstone experience reflects the learner's knowledge of family child care through the development of a major project. Prerequisites: (1030730100 Introduction to Family Child Care (C or better) and 1030730200 Family Child Care Responsive Planning (C or better)).	3.00
1030730300	FCC Financial Management and Planning Focuses on managing finances of a family child care with an emphasis on principles and practices for budget planning, budget preparation, and fiscal management. Introduces important topics such as quality standards for financial management and planning, business management, financial planning, record keeping, business budgets, marketing and financial management tools and systems. Prerequisites: (1030730100 Introduction to Family Child Care (C or better) and 1030730200 Family Child Care Responsive Planning (C or better)).	3.00

Total Credits: 12.00

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*

$1,935

Books & Supplies*

$146

*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

- Identify Wisconsin Child Care regulations including certification and licensing rules as well as quality improvement initiatives related to operating a high quality family child care program
- Apply developmental knowledge and observation to design, implement, and evaluate individual and group curriculum experiences for mixed-age children in a family child care setting
- Create respectful, healthy, and safe physical and interpersonal environments for mixed-age children in a family child care setting
- Utilize culturally responsive verbal and non-verbal caregiver strategies
- Select appropriate materials and promote health, safety and nutrition guidelines specific to early care environments
- Design experiences and utilize caregiver strategies that support family involvement and reciprocal relationships

- Perform professionally and ethically, use self-reflection and knowledge and access relevant resources

Your Potential Careers

- Family Child Care Provider

Median Annual Salary

Local	State	National
$20,888	$22,332	$23,581

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Get Started

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

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