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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Early Childhood Education program prepares students to work with young children by combining classroom instruction with hands-on learning experiences. Students explore child growth and development, learning environments, health and safety, and effective teaching strategies for preschool-aged children.

Through field experiences in local preschools and elementary schools, students gain valuable practice in planning, leading, and evaluating age-appropriate activities that support social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Emphasis is placed on building nurturing relationships, fostering curiosity, and creating safe, engaging environments where children can thrive. Students also learn about early childhood standards, licensing requirements, and professional expectations in the field. By the end of the program, students will have experience developing lesson plans, observing and assessing child behavior, and working directly with children in real-world settings.



>>> YOU WILL LEARN

- Child growth & development
- Lesson planning & classroom management
- Observation & assessment techniques
- Health, safety, & nutrition practices
- Teamwork & communication with children, families, & educators



MEET SHELBY

FUTURE TEACHER.

Centerville Senior High School and Education Professions student at Whitewater Career Center

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CERTIFICATION & DUAL CREDITS

As the program is implemented, partnerships will be explored to create opportunities for students to earn dual credit and industry certifications.

NEXT CAREER STEPS

Upon completing the Early Childhood Education program, students are prepared for multiple pathways. Many choose to continue their education in 2- and 4-year postsecondary programs in early childhood education, elementary education, or human development. Students may also enter the workforce directly after high school, working in childcare centers, preschools, Head Start programs, or as teaching assistants in elementary classrooms. Others use this program as a foundation to pursue careers in social services, counseling, or related fields where knowledge of child development is critical.



POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Preschool Teacher
- Childcare Worker
- Special Education Teacher, Preschool
- Instructional Coordinator
- Lead Caregiver
- Child, Family, and School Social Worker

COURSE INFORMATION

Cluster: Education

Pathway: Early Childhood

EARLY CHILDHOOD YEAR I

DOE Course Codes:

7160	Principles of Early Childhood Education	1 credit
7158	Early Childhood Education Curriculum	1 credit
7159	Early Childhood Education Guidance	1 credit

Co-requisites: Courses must be taken concurrently
Recommended Grade Levels: 11, 12

EARLY CHILDHOOD YEAR II

DOE Course Codes:

7259	Early Childhood Education Capstone	3 credits

Prerequisite: Year I
Recommended Grade Level: 12

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