Initial Early Childhood Education

Columbia Gorge Community College · Certificate

Offered in English and Spanish, this initial certificate covers development, learning environments, families and culturally responsive practice. Credits can build toward further ECE study.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Review writing placement, child-development courses and practical observation requirements.

TIME, SCHEDULE & APPLICATION

12 credits · designed for 1 year part-time. Prior credits, prerequisite placement and course availability can change your personal completion date.

BUILD YOUR BUDGET

2026-27 in-state tuition is $125 per credit plus $35 in per-credit fees ($160 combined), before additional course-specific charges. Add remaining program and living expenses; compare your cost after confirmed aid.

CREDENTIALS & OUTCOMES

Early-childhood employment requirements depend on the setting and role. This award alone is not a K–12 teaching license.

YOUR NEXT THREE STEPS

1. Review the exact program. Check the award, entry checklist and next start.
2. Build your full budget. Include preparation, supplies and travel.
3. Explore the connected career. Compare duties, Oregon wages and required preparation.