

ECE 120: Introduction to Early Education and Family Studies

Introduces the foundations of early childhood education and family studies. Covers the history, scope, current issues and trends, focusing on programs and services for children, birth-5. Includes an emphasis on development, developmentally appropriate practices and observation of young children and professionals.

This course is intended to provide students with an overview of the field of Early Childhood Education with particular attention to development, developmentally appropriate practices and concepts relating to children ages 0 – 5. The course emphasizes the impact of development on the ways in which children interact with their environments, other children, and adults, and examines personal suitability for the field by activity participating/observing in an early education environment.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- Identify the multiple influences on early development and learning in order to support young children and families.
- Understand how positive relationships and supportive interactions build the foundation of effective learning environments for young children.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Requires 2-hours per week of observation/participation. Students must enroll in the Oregon Office of Child Care Central Background Registry (Criminal Background Check). Students must show evidence of current TB test and MMR vaccination. Audit available.

Program: [Early Childhood Education](#)