

Child Care Services

Technical Diploma

The Child Care Basics Certificate will introduce students to foundational information for working in a group child care setting. This certificate provides a great starting point for a career in early childhood education and ladders into the Nicolet College Child Care Services Embedded Technical Diploma and the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

Students in the Child Care Basics certificate will be introduced to basic knowledge and skills required for working in a group child care setting. This certificate includes the Health, Safety, and Nutrition course, which provides students with a basic understanding of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families licensing requirements, and includes needed state-mandated trainings. Additionally, this certificate includes the Curriculum Development course, which provides students with an overview of the how's and why's of teaching in a child care classroom setting.

This 6-credit certificate is designed to acknowledge the basic educational requirements for a child care teacher assistant. Completers of this certificate will be recognized as Wisconsin Registry Career Level 7. This certificate is a great choice for child care programs looking to support staff's professional development, as well as improve Youngstar ratings.

Program Outline

TERM 1		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030714800	ECE Foundations of Early Childhood Ed 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
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
1030716600	ECE Curriculum Planning Examines the components of curriculum planning in early childhood education. Integrates strategies that support diversity and anti-bias perspectives, examine the critical role of play, establish a developmentally appropriate environment, examine care giving routines as curriculum, develop activity plans that promote child development and learning, develop unit plans that promote child development and learning, and analyze early childhood curriculum models.	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
1080119600	Oral Interpersonal Communication Focuses upon developing speaking, verbal and nonverbal communications, and listening skills through individual presentations, groups activities, and other projects.	3.00
TERM 2		
Course #	Course Title	Credits

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1030711000	ECE Soc S Art and Music This 3-credit course will focus on beginning level curriculum development in the specific integrated content areas of social studies, art, music, & movement (SSAMM). Prerequisite: 1030716600 ECE Curriculum Planning (C or better).	3.00
1030716000	ECE Field Experience 1 In this 3-credit introductory field experience course, you will be introduced to the foundations of early childhood education under guided supervision of a mentor teacher in an early childhood setting, working with children birth through age 8. This course meets the requirements for the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards 18-hour training. Prerequisite: 1030716700 ECE Health Safety and Nutrition (C or better).	3.00
1030717900	ECE Child Development Description 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
1080119500	Written Communication Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments is designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.	3.00

Total Credits: 30.00

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

Term Start Dates

Fall 2024: August 26

Spring 2025: January 13

Summer 2025: May 19

Start dates represent the beginning of a new term. Certain programs or courses may not be available to start every term. Please view the [course schedules](#) for a list of upcoming classes or contact the Welcome Center at 715-365-4493.

[VIEW FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

Program Tuition*

\$5,220

*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.

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

What You'll Learn

- - Relate knowledge of child development to practice
 - Create relationships with children, family, and the community
 - Apply observation, documentation, and assessment strategies
 - Implement developmentally appropriate teaching and learning experiences
 - Demonstrate professional practice
 - Follow health, safety, and nutrition practices
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Your Potential Careers

- Child Care Teacher
 - Child Care Assistant Teacher
 - Family Child Care Provider
 - Nanny
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Median Annual Salary

\$25,700	\$28,200	\$31,400
Local	State	National

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Get Started

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

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