



## Early Learning and Teacher Education

Begin a meaningful career guiding the education and development of young children. Early Childhood education focuses on positive learning and developmental experiences for infants, toddlers, preschool and primary age children.

### Related Careers Opportunities

- Lead teacher or assistant teacher in preschool or child care center
- Family home child care teacher or director
- Child Care Center director
- Head Start teacher
- Family Support Advocate
- Teacher aide/educational assistant in elementary school
- Professional nanny
- Advocate for children and families (professional and political organizations)

### Other Helpful Sources of Information

- National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.naeyc.org>
- [www.teachwashington.org](http://www.teachwashington.org)
- [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)



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## Early Childhood Education

The **Early Childhood Education** program is designed to prepare you to work with young children (birth through eight years of age) in a variety of settings. Students are involved in observation, participation and practical experience in a variety of classroom settings. A broad, liberal arts curriculum with emphasis on human relations is also an integral part of the program.



The **Elementary Education DTA/MRP** is designed for future elementary teachers. It provides a broad foundation in liberal arts and includes beginning course work in education, with hands-on work in elementary school classrooms.

## Degree and Certificate Options

- **AA Early Childhood Education** (90 credits)
- **AAS-T Early Childhood Education**  
– Transfer Degree (90 credits)
- **Associate in Elementary Education DTA** (90 credits)
- **Certificate of Achievement Early Childhood Education** (49 credits)
- **Certificate of Accomplishment Infant & Toddler Care** (21 credits)
- **IBEST Infant & Toddler Care Certificate** (ELS/ABE Support) (21 credits)

## Program Features

- Flexible class schedules for part-time and full-time students
- Classes offered during the day, evening, and online
- For new and returning college students (new career or change of career)
- Transfer previous credits to Bellevue College to complete your degree
- Current work with young children can apply to your courses at Bellevue College
- Practical experience in early education classrooms teaching young children
- Financial aid available through the Bellevue College enrollment services
- Scholarships for current child care providers, through Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals, <http://www.childcarenet.org> or (866) 308-3224, or [scholarships@childcarenet.org](mailto:scholarships@childcarenet.org)



**For the most current information, check the BC credit class schedule. Call (425) 564-2674 or email [eced@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:eced@bellevuecollege.edu) to be placed on our mailing list.**

## Continuing Education Opportunities

**Washington STARS Continuing Education**  
[www.del.wa.gov/stars](http://www.del.wa.gov/stars)

- 1 credit seminars (10 hours STARS credit) offered each quarter
- Variety of topics, including math, science, music, art, literacy, infant and toddler curriculum, positive guidance and discipline, and much more
- 2 credit STARS The Basics of Child Care online course

## Prerequisite Courses for Bachelors and Masters Degrees:

- Child Development
- Culture and Human Diversity in Education
- Math for Elementary School Teachers
- Health and Physical Education for Elementary Teachers