Program Overview

E-Connect - Child Care Services is an innovative one-year technical diploma that incorporates the first year of the Early Childhood Education associate degree with Wisconsin Professional Preschool Credential coursework. Graduates of this program will be recognized as Wisconsin Registry Career Ladder - Career Level 11. Coursework is available in both online and in-person formats in order to accommodate a variety of life schedules and individual learning styles.

Special Features

• Earn an E-Connect - Child Care Services technical diploma in one year through online, daytime and evening classes - mix and match.
• Meets "Year One" technical studies coursework required to obtain the Early Childhood Education associate degree with seamless opportunities for degree completion.
• Meets the coursework requirements for the Wisconsin Preschool Credential when combined with the ECE: Preschool Credential Capstone course and commission process.

Admission Requirements

Students in this program must:
• Complete application form and submit with fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)
• Complete Accuplacer entrance assessment to determine placement (waiver may apply with acceptable alternative test scores and/or postsecondary degree completion)
• Review and sign the Functional Ability Statement of Understanding
• Review and sign Caregiver Background Check and/or Criminal History Record Check Statement of Understanding
• Complete admissions interview with a WITC counselor (above requirements should be completed prior to interview)

Program-Specific Requirements

Students in this program must:
• Complete and sign Background Information Disclosure Form (BID)
• Submit Background Check fee
• Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check or Minnesota Caregiver Background Check, as applicable
  - Information from the Caregiver Background Check may affect ability to secure fieldwork placement and the ability to find employment after graduation
• Complete Staff Health Report - Child Care Provider form (physical form)

There are four practicum experiences required in the Early Childhood Education program. Practicum 1 requires a minimum of 64 hours of off-campus field experience, and Practicum 2, 3, and 4 require a minimum of 128 hours of off-campus field experience. In-class contact time is also required as part of the practicum experience.

Student Profile

Students in the Early Childhood Education program should:
• Enjoy and respect children
• Exhibit a caring attitude
• Be flexible
• Use good judgment
• Be dependable
• Communicate effectively
• Be able to lift 50 pounds
• Be able to accept constructive feedback

Preparation for Admission

Students should strive to reach a comfort level in the following courses or skills:
• Applied Math
• Psychology
• Speech/Communications
• Family and Consumer Education
• English/Foreign Language
• Health/Food Choices
• Sociology
• Art

Program Outcomes

Employers will expect E-Connect - Child Care Services graduates to:
• 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 activities
• Demonstrate professionalism
• Follow health, safety, and nutrition practices

Collegewide outcomes and indicators will also be addressed to develop personal awareness, career effectiveness, and professionalism. See page 5 of the college catalog for a list of collegewide outcomes and indicators.

Career Outlook

The demand for early childhood professionals continues to increase as parents look for providers who can guide their child's development. The typical careers that are available after graduation include:
• Childcare Teacher
• Childcare Assistant Teacher
• Family Child Care Provider
• Infant or Toddler Caregiver
• In-home Nanny
• Early Childhood Special Needs Assistant
• Program Director/Administrator
• Public School Teacher Aide/Assistant
• Head Start Teacher/Assistant

Curriculum

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Program Requirements

• Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.
• Credit for Prior Learning not applicable for this course

For more information, go to www.witc.edu/echild.htm.

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