



ACCREDITED

PCC's Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Commission on the Accreditation of Early Childhood Higher Education Programs. The NAEYC Commission awards accreditation to early childhood associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs that demonstrate evidence of excellence by meeting the NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards. The NAEYC accreditation process provides a framework for self-study, external evaluation, and improvement in the quality of teacher preparation programs.

GETTING STARTED

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

For additional information about the Early Childhood Education program, visit pcc.edu/programs/child-family-studies/. Contact the academic advisor at **971-722-4707** or doree.dennis@pcc.edu

PCC GENERAL ADMISSION

To apply for admission to PCC, to www.pcc.edu/admissions or visit an admissions office at any one of our four comprehensive campuses.

COLLEGE EXPENSES

For the latest information on tuition and fees, visit pcc.edu/tuition.

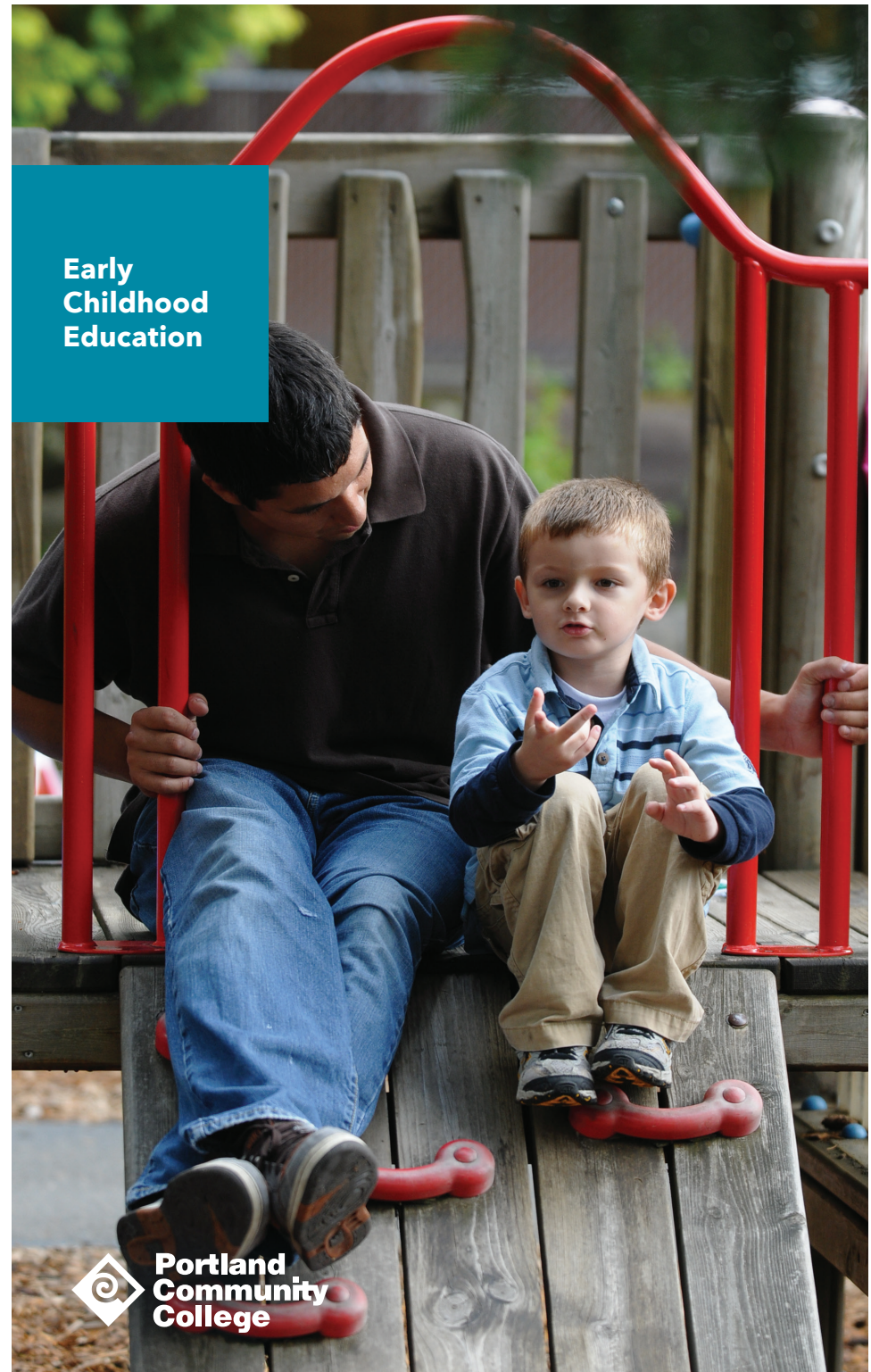
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Portland Community College
Sylvania Campus
Child Development Center, Room 210
12000 SW 49th Avenue
Portland, OR 97219

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Early Childhood Education



INVESTING IN CHILDREN

The early years shape a life. Research in child development has demonstrated that during the years from birth through 6 years old, important growth occurs in all domains, including social, emotional, cognitive, linguistic and physical development. The early childhood educator - whether a teacher, family or child care provider- plays a critical role in fostering children's development and investing in their future.

In PCC's Early Childhood Education program, we offer you the skills you need to succeed in the world of early childhood development, early childhood education centers, preschool programming, infant and toddler care, and family child care programs. Employment opportunities may include teaching assistant, child care aide, lead teacher, family child care provider and program director.

WHO WILL HIRE ME?

Graduates of this program are hired by Head Start programs, Early Head Start programs, child care centers, parent cooperative preschools, private preschools and kindergartens, infant and toddler programs, corporate child care programs, for-profit child care centers, family child care programs, and resource and referral agencies. Public schools may hire graduates as teaching assistants in early education classrooms, and parents often hire graduates as nannies. Most jobs are located in or near cities. Some graduates start their own in-home child care and preschool programs.

Nationally, employment of infant, toddler, and preschool teachers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to a continued focus on the importance of early childhood education (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016). Statewide, the total number of job openings is projected to be much higher than the Oregon average number of job openings for all occupations through 2024 (Oregon Employment Department, 2017). For further US Department of Education gainful employment information on this program, visit pcc.edu/gainful

HOW MUCH CAN I EARN?

Median wages in the Portland area with an Early Childhood Education certificate are \$11.56 per hour; with median hourly wages with an associate's degree ranging from \$13.65 - \$15.00 per hour.

CAREER OVERVIEW

WHAT WILL I DO ON THE JOB?

As an early education teacher or home-care provider, you will work closely with young children and their families as the children learn to communicate, solve problems and work and play together.

You will plan and implement activities, supervise play, meet physical needs, observe and assess developmental progress, and discuss the child's development with their parents. As an early childhood professional, your role is to help provide an environment that fosters growth and self-esteem - a place where children can thrive. You may also supervise child care aides, assistants, or other teachers as well as provide nutritious meals, identify and correct safety hazards, work collaboratively on teaching teams, communicate important information, and maintain records.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I USE ON THE JOB?

PCC's Early Childhood Education program is designed to develop your planning, organization, supervisory, assessment, records maintenance, teamwork and communication skills. Verbal and written English is necessary, and bilingual practitioners are desirable to employers.

The program will also help you develop your abilities to understand diverse children and families, implement observation and guidance techniques to assess children's needs, and develop and plan activities and environments appropriate for each child's unique abilities and interests.

PREPARING YOU FOR STATE CERTIFICATION

Our Early Childhood Education Program is designed to accommodate the part-time and full-time student. Early childhood education courses can be used to fulfill training and education requirements for registered and certified family child care providers and child care teachers in Oregon.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Our Child Care Aide Career Pathway Certificate (22 credits) provides foundational child care skills and exceeds Oregon Early Learning Division's requirements for child care aides and teaching assistants in certified early learning programs throughout Oregon. The Early Childhood Education Career Pathway Certificate meets the requirements for child care teachers in certified child care facilities throughout Oregon. The A.A.S degree qualifies you to become a teacher in a Head Start classroom and other certified and accredited child care programs.

We offer the following degree and certificates:

- ◆ Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, which requires 90 credits, including Writing 121 or its equivalent.
- ◆ Early Childhood Education Career Pathway Certificate, which requires 36 credits. WR 15 and RD 115 and MTH 20 are prerequisites.
- ◆ Child Care Aide Career Pathway Certificate, which requires 22 credits. WR 15 and RD 115 and MTH 20 are prerequisites.

Each Career Pathway Certificate "stacks" into the next, eventually leading to the degree - students don't lose credit on their way to the A.A.S degree.

Before entry into the program, students must:

- ◆ Be prepared to enter WR 121 and MTH 20. Many courses require both WR 121 and MTH 20 as prerequisites. Students who do not meet these requirements may need extended time to complete the program.

While in the program, students must:

- ◆ Receive a grade of "C" or "P" or better in all ECE and HEC courses.
- ◆ Complete practicum and corresponding coursework for the certificates and degree

Can I Transfer My Credits to a University?

Other colleges and universities may accept a portion of this program's credits to apply to a four-year degree. To be certain, check with the other college or university, or contact the PCC Child and Family Studies program advisor or department chair.