



Program Map



Early Childhood Education - Associate in Applied Science

Area of Study: Public Service, Society and Education

Early childhood education fosters the development of social, intellectual, and emotional abilities in young children. Early Childhood educators work together with children and their families to model behavior that nurtures a child’s long-term educational success. Clark students have a variety of options when seeking a concentration in ECE studies. Certificates of achievement, a Certificate of Proficiency, an Associate in Applied Science Degree and transfer options are available for students looking to continue to a four-year institution.

> Free [Tutoring Services](#) are available to support you throughout your degree completion.

Program maps are suggested academic plans and should not be used in the place of regular academic advising. Your student entry method, placement, course availability, and program requirements are subject to change and transfer credit(s) may change your map/plan.

Year One

Fall Term

- ECED&105 Intro Early Child ED 5
- ECED&120 Practicum-Nurturing Rel 2
- ECED&107 Health/Nutrition/Safety 5

Winter Term

- ECED& 190 Observation & Assessment 3
- EDUC&130 Guiding Behavior 3
- EDUC& 240 Diversity in Education 5
- ENGL& 101 English Composition I 5

Spring Term

- ECED&160 Curriculum Development 5
- EDUC& 115 Child Development 5
- ECE 116 Literature and Storytelling for children 2
- ECE 102 Science and Mathematics for Young Children 3

Summer Term

- ECED& 170 Learning Environments 3
- EDUC& 150 Child, Family, Community 3

- Math 092 Applied Elementary Algebra 5
- ENVS 109 Integrated Environmental Science 5

Year Two

Fall Term

- ECE 211 Learning Experiences For Young Children II 3
- ECE 212/222 Learning Experiences for Young Children II Lab ... 3
- ECE 135 Partnerships w/ Families In Early Care and Education . 3
- EDUC&204 Inclusive Education 3

Winter Term

- ECE 213 Learning Experiences For Young Children III 3
- ECE 214/224 Learning Experiences For Young Children III Lab... 3
- ECED& 132 Infants/Toddlers Care 3
- PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology OR WS 101 Intro to Women's Studies^ 5

Spring Term

- ECE 215 Early Childhood Seminar 2
- ECE 199 Cooperative Work Experience 3
- ECED& 180 Language and Literacy 3
- CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication 5
- Any HPE3 or (HEALTH2 + PE1) of choice^ 3

90 units required, 101 listed. [View the Clark College Catalog](#) for additional program information.

Key: ^ Alternative classes are available to fit your schedule or interest. & Common Course in the State of Washington.

Approximate Costs Each Term

Tuition \$1490* for 15 credits per term plus books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees. *Tuition based on Washington resident rates. View [residency classifications](#) on our website.

Customize with Advising

Make an appointment online with Advising Services to learn more about customizing your academic plan at clark.edu/advising.

How to Enroll

Visit Clark College’s Welcome Center in Gaiser Hall room 127 or the [Get Started webpage](#) for information on becoming a new student. Email start@clark.edu or call 360-992-2078.

[Apply for Admission](#)

Support Services

At Clark College, we know that everyone who walks through our doors is a unique person with diverse, interesting and sometimes challenging circumstances. We are committed to ensuring each and every student can succeed at Clark, and are committed to serving systemically non-dominant communities, including (but not limited to) people of color, those who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ and people with disabilities. We have resource centers, clubs, programs and activities for all students.

Visit our [Student Support](#) page for more information.

Funding Options at Clark

There are many resources available to help students cover the costs to attend college—tuition, books, fees, tools, transportation, childcare, etc.—so you can focus on completing your degree or certificate.

Grants Based on need. You do not need to pay back grants.

Scholarships Similar to grants, and there are different criteria; Clark College awards hundreds of thousands of dollars to students each year. We encourage everyone to apply!

Student Employment & Work Study Money you earn through working part-time; this helps to reduce your reliance on loans, and build your skills and resume.

Loans If you do need to borrow additional funds to pay for college-related expenses, you can consider loans. It is money you borrow and will pay back with interest.

Specific Assistance For Veterans, worker retraining, DREAMers, students receiving DSHS benefits, and more.

For more information, visit our [paying for college website](#) or visit the **Office of Financial Aid in Gaiser Hall room 101**.

Career Opportunities

Career exploration and planning is an essential step to establishing your academic journey at Clark College and beyond. Career Services connects you with resources and strategies for career planning in six areas: knowing self; career awareness; relationship building and networking; work-based learning; job-search skills; and career readiness competencies. You are encouraged to participate in *MyPlan*, a comprehensive and interactive guide with activities to support your career, academic, and financial wellness planning. Visit [Career Services in the Penguin Union Building room 002](#).

Students who complete the **Associate in Applied Science - Early Childhood Education** degree could be employed as:
Some careers may require a bachelor's degree or higher

Headstart Teacher
Pre-K teacher

Early Childhood Teacher
Teacher's Assistant

Career exploration information created by Clark Faculty and Staff.



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