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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Early Childhood Education** program is designed to prepare students for employment in early childhood settings. The **Early Childhood Education** program includes instruction in child growth and development, child health, nutrition, safety, planning, and supervision of developmentally-appropriate practices and learning activities. Child guidance, family relationships, parenting, and applicable legal and administrative requirements are also addressed. Preparation for the development and management of effective early childhood programs and facilities is included.

The **Early Childhood Education** program is delivered as a coherent sequence of courses designed to offer students knowledge and skills that meet the need of the workplace. The Professional Skills developed by business and industry leaders across Arizona are integrated throughout the program. Students also develop leadership, social, civic, and career skills through their participation in the state-recognized Career and Technical Student Organization Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America, or Educators Rising.

The **Early Childhood Education** instructional program prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education for these and other occupations: Preschool Teacher, Day Care Worker, Paraprofessional, Instructional Assistant, After School Program Assistant, and Kindergarten Teacher

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

The following credentials have been approved for the A-F CCR and are CTED eligible for the **Early Childhood Education** instructional program:

- Paraprofessional Praxis Certification
- Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)

The following industry credentials have been approved to meet CTED eligibility for the **Early Childhood Education** instructional program:

- Beginning to Teach Certificate
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Child Find Certification
- CPR/AED Certification
- First Aid Certification
- Food Handlers Certificate
- Mandatory Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

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COHERENT SEQUENCE

13.1210.10 - Early Childhood Education I, **and**

13.1210.20 - Early Childhood Education II, **and program may elect to add:**

13.1210.25 - Early Childhood Education III, **or**

13.1210.40 - Early Childhood Education IV, **or**

13.1210.70 - Early Childhood Education – DCE (Diversified Cooperative Education) **or**

13.1210.75 - Early Childhood Education – Internship **or**

13.1210.80 - Early Childhood Education – Cooperative Education

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The instructor must be ADE/CTE certified in one of the following certificates: PCTF, SCTF, SSCTEFCS, PCTET, SCTET, or SSCTET

Note:

- Early Childhood Education Diversified Cooperative Education 13.1210.70 may be a part of the sequence and the teacher must hold a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Early Childhood Education Internship 13.1210.75 is not required to have a Cooperative Education Endorsement (CEN).
- Early Childhood Education Cooperative Education 13.1210.80 CTE certified teachers with a CEN certificate may manage students with a work plan approved by Early Childhood Education teacher of record.

CERTIFICATE TYPES

PCTF   Provisional Career and Technical Education Family Consumer Sciences
SCTF   Standard Career and Technical Education Family Consumer Sciences
SSCTEFCS Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education Family and Consumer Sciences
PCTET   Provisional Career and Technical Education: Education and Training
SCTET   Secondary Career and Technical Education: Education and Training
SSCTET   Standard Specialized Career and Technical Education and Training