

# Early Childhood Career Development Program



This 12-month, paid program is your gateway to a job or career advancement in early childhood learning in Central Oregon.

**APPLY NOW**  
*Open enrollment*

In a career development program designed especially for those interested in or currently working with young children, you'll provide care and enrichment for infants to children age 5. A classroom teacher and your faculty mentor will help you learn skills in early learning that you can apply immediately to a job in Central Oregon. Participants receive:

- Paid work in your career field for an average of 12- 20 hours a week
- Up to 45 academic credits, **saving up to \$12,000 in tuition and fees** (based on enrollment)
- **Career placement advising** after completion, helping you find a teaching position at an early care and education program in Deschutes County
- Experience that **meets state qualifications** to be an early care and education teacher

## WHO CAN APPLY?

*Individuals who aspire to work in early childhood education following program completion.*

- High school graduates interested in a career in early learning
- Teachers' aides seeking to fulfill Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care requirements for teachers.
- Initial preference given to students in:
  - OSU-Cascades Human Development and Family Sciences, Early Childhood Option (or HDFS or Early Childhood Education minor)
  - COCC Early Childhood Education program

## REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18 or older
- Meet minimum admission requirements at OSU-Cascades or COCC
- Complete a Criminal History Check

## FOR INFORMATION

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We value your commitment to early learning and are here to support your career development.

