Early Childhood Career Development Program

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:

- $15/hour while working in your career field for 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 a Little Kits Early Learning Center or partner child care center in Deschutes County
- Experience that meets state ELD qualifications to be an early learning child care 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 Early Learning Division requirements for teachers.
- Initial preference given to students in:
  - OSU-Cascades HDFS early learning program
  - 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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START FALL 2022

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

APPLY NOW

- Priority Review is May 16, 2022
- Deadline is June 6, 2022

LITTLE KITS EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

OSU-Cascades and COCC are developing Little Kits* centers to serve Central Oregon families. Locations are planned for OSU-Cascades and St. Charles Health System in Bend. The centers will leverage faculty in early childhood at both campuses, provide care for infants to children age 5, and offer internships and employment. Until the centers are ready, Little Beavs, located at OSU-Cascades provides child care, as well as internships and employment.

*Kits are the young of beavers and bobcats, the schools’ mascots!

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