

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP

**Program Number:** 50-307-1

Apprenticeship

**Campus:** Fond du Lac, West Bend

This program is **not** eligible for financial aid

## About the Program

The Early Childhood Educator apprenticeship program at Moraine Park prepares students for their journey as educators, setting the stage for graduates to work as teachers and caregivers. Apprentices gain hands-on classroom instruction and on-the-job training to learn how to become an early childhood educator. During the apprenticeship program, participants work alongside experienced educators to grow in their trade.

## What You'll Learn

Students in the Early Childhood Educator apprenticeship learn to care for and educate children while playing a key role in children's development. Graduates will know how to maintain a clean and safe environment, as well as plan educational activities and assess child growth and progress. Graduates of the program are prepared to work with children from birth to 8-year age range and are well-prepared for a variety of Early Childhood Education jobs.

## Additional Information

Learn more at [www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org](https://www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org) (<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>)

## Application/Admission Information

Students interested in an apprenticeship do not complete standard admissions with Moraine Park.

Interested students/employers should contact the training representative listed below to start the apprentice/employer apprenticeship contract application:

Lavelle Gill, Apprenticeship Training Representative

Phone: (262) 340-1143

Email: [almonl.gill@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:almonl.gill@dwd.wisconsin.gov)

Learn more at [www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org](https://www.wisconsinapprenticeship.org) (<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/>)

## Application Requirements

- Apprenticeship application
- Employer application (if sponsored)
- EEOC Supplemental Information Form
- High school verification:
- Transcripts with graduation date listed, or
- Copy of high school diploma, or
- GED/HSED certificate, or
- Graduating senior: verification that you are on track to graduate, or
- Homeschool PI – 1206 form verification for each year completed
- DCF fingerprint-based background check

- TB Test
- Physician cleared to work with children (health report)

## Approximate Costs

**NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.**

### Tuition

#### Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

#### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

### Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Training Period

- 2-year apprenticeship under the hybrid model (both time-based and competency-based)
- 4,000 hours of unpaid-related instruction
- 432 hours of paid-related instruction
- Complete Transition to Trainer course in the final term

The apprentice must:

1. Obtain Infant/Child, AED, First Aid and CPR certification during the first three months of the program and maintain it throughout.
2. Complete DCF certification requirements to provide care to children within the first six months of the program.
3. Register with "The Registry" within the first six months of the program and keep their registration updated.
4. Successfully complete Transition to Trainer in the final year of the program.

### Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
307-151	ECE: Infant and Toddler Development	3
307-167	ECE: Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
307-148	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

**Year 2****Semester 1**

307-187	ECE: Children With Differing Abilities	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**Semester 2**

307-108	ECE: Early Language and Literacy	3
307-195	ECE: Family and Community Relationships	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>24</b>

- Students must take course 47-455-455 Transition to Trainer, Your Role as a Journeyworker (complete in the final year).
- Students starting the apprenticeship in Spring semester will take the courses in a different sequence. Please contact the Apprenticeship Coordinator for information.

## Program Outcomes

- Maintain a safe environment
- Promote child development
- Promote child nutrition and hygiene
- Guide children's behavior
- Implement curriculum
- Engage families
- Demonstrate leadership and professionalism

## Career Opportunities

- Early Childhood Education Instructors
- Childcare Center Teachers