

EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE

Program Number: 97-307-A
Certificate

Campus: Fond du Lac, West Bend

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

Gain a credential for working with preschool-aged children with the Early Childhood Preschool Credential certificate.

About the Program

Designed for those working with children ages 3-5, the Early Childhood Preschool Credential certificate provides a solid foundation of child care education. This credential may be beneficial for those working as family child care providers, child care teachers or preschool teachers.

This program is geared toward those wanting to provide a quality learning environment to young children.

All the Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate classes are directly transferable into the Child Care Services (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/child-care-services/>) technical diploma and/or Early Childhood Education (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/early-childhood-education/>) associate of applied science degree if students wish to continue their education.

What You'll Learn

Students in this program will gain specialized training to work with preschool-aged children, learn how to support the development of language skills and learn strategies to successfully manage a preschool classroom. Those who successfully complete the credential have strong knowledge of child development and guiding behavior. Students also explore arts, music, health, safety and nutrition.

Students are required to prepare a portfolio at the end of this course. Students will then submit the portfolio to the instructor, who will award the certificate. Students may also apply to the Wisconsin Registry for the Wisconsin Professional Preschool Credential.

Program students who obtain the Preschool Credential from the Wisconsin Registry (<https://wiregistry.org/>) will obtain the Wisconsin Registry Career Level 10. The Wisconsin Registry promotes professional growth and verifies the education, training and experience vital to quality care for the Wisconsin childhood care and education workforce.

Scholarships for the Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate are available through the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) T.E.A.C.H. program (<http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/t-e-a-c-h/>).

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable, accessible** and **convenient**. You can

go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Additional Information

State Licensure Disclosure: Moraine Park Technical College offers programs designed to meet the educational requirements leading to licensure or certification that may be required for employment in certain professions. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/professional-licensure/>) for more details.

Important:

This program does not **require a Criminal Background Check at the point of admission**, but a Criminal Background Check will be required. Students will need to successfully pass a Criminal Background Check to progress in and complete the program. Students will receive information regarding completing this requirement before being placed working/observing in a child care facility.

Please Note:

Moraine Park Technical College does not guarantee

1. Placement to field experience sites;
2. Potential or future employment eligibility beyond graduation;
3. Ability to sit for licensure or certification exams or achievement of credentials related to licensure or certification.

Taking a course within the Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate curriculum prior to completing and passing a criminal background check does not guarantee enrollment in any field experience courses required for program completion.

More information regarding barred offenses that may impact a person's ability to work at a child care center can be found here: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5206.pdf>

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

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.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
307-110	ECE: Social Studies, Art, Music and Movement	3
307-167	ECE: Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
Credits		6
Semester 2		
307-108	ECE: Early Language and Literacy	3
307-148	ECE: Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		18

Pathways

- Early Childhood Education Associate Degree (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/early-childhood-education/>)
 - Child Care Services Technical Diploma (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/child-care-services/>)
 - Early Childhood Administrative Credential Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/early-childhood-administrative-credential-certificate/>)
 - Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate (p. 1)
 - Infant/Toddler Credential Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/infant-toddler-credential-certificate/>)

Earn certificates, a technical diploma and associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

Career Opportunities

- Child Care Teacher
- Exceptional Children's Aide
- Self-Employed Center Owner
- In-Home Provider/Nanny