

# 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.

## Application Information

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)

## Admission Process

Apprentice students do not complete standard admissions with Moraine Park. Interested students should contact:

**Tim Budda, Apprenticeship Training Representative**

**Phone: 262-335-5849**

**Email: [timothy.budda@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:timothy.budda@dwd.wisconsin.gov)**

## Approximate Costs

**Tuition**

Occupational

- \$149.50 per credit (resident)
- \$224.25 per credit (out-of-state resident)

### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$188.90 per credit (resident)
- \$283.35 per credit (out-of-state resident)

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

### **Student Fees**

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$12.50 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

The apprenticeship consists of 2 years of not less than 4,432 hours (which includes at least 432 hours of related instruction).

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>  |
| <b>Year 2</b>        |   |           |
| <b>Semester 1</b>    |   |           |
| 307-187              | ECE: Children With Differing Abilities        | 3         |
| <b>Credits</b>       |   | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>Semester 2</b>    |   |           |
| 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> |

- 4000 hours of unpaid-related instruction: 2-year apprenticeship under the hybrid model (both time-based and competency-based)
- 432 hours of paid-related instruction

- 47-455-455 Transition to Trainer: Your Role as a Skilled Worker Trainer course (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