

# 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/programs/child-care-services/>) technical diploma and/or Early Childhood Education (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/programs/early-childhood-education-aas/>) 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 Registry for the Wisconsin Professional Preschool Credential.

Program students who obtain the Preschool Credential from The Registry (<http://www.the-registry.org/>) will obtain The Registry Career Level 10. The 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

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/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's Early Childhood Preschool Credential Certificate prepares students to obtain the educational requirements for licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. No determination has been made if the curriculum matches the educational requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states. Visit the Accreditation (<http://www.morainepark.edu/about-mptc/accreditation/#accreditation>) page for more details about accreditation.

### 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 practicum 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 practicum 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

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

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

## Approximate Costs

- \$143.45 per credit (resident)
- \$215.18 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- 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
<b>Semester 1</b>		
307-110	ECE: Social Studies, Art, Music and Movement	3
307-167	ECE: Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
307-108	ECE: Early Language and Literacy	3
307-179	ECE: Child Development	3
307-188	ECE: Guiding Children's Behavior	3
307-175	ECE: Preschool Practicum	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

## Pathways

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