



Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC)

The Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) program focuses on broad, transferable skills for the Early Childhood industry including planning, management, finance, and technology skills; understanding of labor, community, health, safety, and environmental issues; and developmentally appropriate practices for children (Ages Birth-8 Years).



APPLY NOW

About the Program

The Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC) is a 600-hour program with four occupational completion points. Each level consists of classroom instruction and direct work with children.

On-Demand Program - This program is not regularly scheduled; offered on demand for high schools. Please contact NFC well in advance to plan a class for your school.


600 Clock Hour Certificate

TERM #1 (Fall)

- **HEV 0870 Child Care Worker I** (150 Hrs)
 - Students who complete this level and pass the required Department of Children and Families (DCF) exams with a score of 70 or better will have completed the DCF 40-hour Mandated Introductory Child Care Training (Parts I and II).
 - *Student completes FDOE curriculum frameworks OCP A at this point.*
- **HEV 0871 Child Care Worker 2** (150 Hrs)
 - *Student completes FDOE curriculum frameworks OCP B at this point.*

TERM #2 (Spring)

- **HEV 0872 Teacher Aide-Preschool** (150 Hrs)
 - *Student completes FDOE curriculum frameworks OCP C at this point.*
- **HEV 0873 Preschool Teacher** (150 Hrs)
 - *Student completes FDOE curriculum frameworks OCP D at this point.*
 - *Completion of all four levels of the ECPC program meets the staff credential requirement for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). In Florida, this program is aligned with the National Child Development Associate (CDA).*

 **Program Graduates** have one year after finishing HEV 0873 to complete DCF requirements for ECPC certification.

Industry Certifications

- FL Department of Children and Families:
- Early Childhood Professional Certificate
 - DCF Staff Credential Requirement

DE Entry Requirements

- High school approval to enroll
- Must be entering junior or senior year of high school
- Minimum 2.0 Unweighted GPA

*A basic skills assessment must be completed within the first six (6) weeks of program admission. Students must meet the basic skills requirement through required scores or an exemption to receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

***Additional DCF Requirements:** Please see NFC College Catalog for details (portfolio, observation, CPR, etc.)



Estimated Hourly Wages

Florida: \$14.81-\$16.48

10.4% Anticipated Job Growth Rate by 2033

www.bls.gov - Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2023; floridajobs.org - 2025-2033 Occupational Employment Projections

Related Jobs/Careers

Entry-level preschool teachers, childcare workers; excludes special education

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NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE

Dual Enrollment Pathway Planner

Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC)

Program Type: Career Certificate

Total Hours: 600

Location: Contact NFC

Estimated Completion Time: 2 Terms (MTWRF)

TERM 1

300 Hours (Classroom Instruction: 60 Hours | Site Fieldwork: 240 Hours)

Record Course Reference Number (CRN) Here

HEV 0870

Child Care Worker 1 _____

HEV 0871

Child Care Worker 2 _____

**Students may need to spend extra time at their fieldwork site to complete the required fieldwork hours.*

Term 2

300 Hours (Classroom Instruction: 60 Hours | Site Fieldwork: 240 Hours)

HEV 0872

Teacher Aide - Preschool _____

HEV 0873

Preschool Teacher _____

**Students may need to spend extra time at their fieldwork site to complete the required fieldwork hours.*

To complete the program, students must:

- Earn a grade of “C” or higher in all program courses.
- Meet Basic Skills Requirements.
- Pass all DCF-mandated competency exams with a score of 70 or higher.
- Complete a DCF-approved 5-hour literacy course.
- Provide proof of current Infant/Child CPR and First Aid certification.
- Complete 480 hours of direct work experience with young children in an approved child care setting.
- Participate in a documented observation conducted by a qualified observer.
- Complete the Professional Resource File (Portfolio).
- Submit the NFC Application for Graduation.

NOTES:

Submit Your Registration Requests

Using the Course Reference Numbers (CRNs) you recorded, submit your course requests using the Dual Enrollment Online Registration Request Form. Your requests will be reviewed and approved by your High School Guidance Counselor.

