



**2007-2008 Career Planning Guide**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
**Spokane Falls Community College**

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**Completion Award:** A.A.S. Degree, Certificate

**Start:** Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer

**Tuition and Fees**

**Approximate Quarterly Cost:** (subject to change without notice)  
Books \$ 70

**PROGRAM WEBSITE:** <http://www.spokanefalls.edu/TechProf/EarlyChildED/>

### **Program Description**

The early childhood education program provides experiences in educational theory in the areas of social, emotional, cognitive, physical/motor and creative development for children from birth through age 8. Courses also are available for caregivers of school-age children, ages 5 through 14 years. Now that ongoing research reveals the significance of early development, professional preparation has become essential to anyone pursuing a career in the education and care of young children. Courses are based on the Washington State Skill Standards and are offered both day and evening.

#### **SFCC Early Childhood Education program options:**

- Certificates of Specialization (20-30 credits) - eight certificates that focus on a specific area of study.
- Early Childhood Education Certificate (57-60 credits) - contains the ECED core content courses.
- Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree (90-93 credits) - contains the same course work as the ECED certificate above, plus supporting courses and electives which may be modified for articulation into a BA degree.
- Associate of Applied Science Transfer (AAS-T) degree (91-92 credits) -contains ECED core content with the option to transfer to accepting four year schools.
- Associate of Arts (AA) degree (90 credits) - includes 15 credits of electives in ECED that transfers to four year schools.
- Articulation with area High Schools - articulates college credits for completion of specified High School ECED courses.
- State Training and Registry System (STARS) - accepts college credits to meet STARS requirements.

### **Career Opportunities**

Outlook for employment in this field is excellent due to current research and recognition of the importance of early development and learning. The SFCC Early Childhood Education program has achieved recognition in our community and region. Regional employers contact our program seeking educated early childhood employees for positions such as: Lead teacher, Family child care provider, School-age care provider, Teachers aide/assistant, Program specialist, Parent-school liaison, Program supervisor, Early education coordinator, Center director/manager, Assistant director/manager, Foster care provider

# Suggested Course of Study 2007-2008

Consult Adviser/Counselor for Program Planning and Selection of Electives

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