The State Initial Early Childhood Education Certificate is designed to meet the Washington State Career Lattice guidelines for teacher assistants in early childhood, early elementary, special education or other settings caring for and educating young children. Classes help adults increase their understanding of the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of children and to apply developmentally appropriate guidance and curriculum methods to meet the individual and group needs of children and their families. Emphasis is placed on active student involvement, observation, participation, and practical experience. Credits earned may be applied to the 20 credit Certificates of Specialization, 47 credit State Early Childhood Education Certificate and the 90 credit Associate in Arts Degree Early Childhood Education and AAS-T Early Childhood Education Transfer Degree.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Certificate recipients should possess the skills & abilities described below:
- Connect with children and families by knowing, understanding, and using positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for their work with young children.
- Identify, explain, and apply appropriate guidance techniques and theories as an important classroom management tool.
- Identify, explain, and apply nutrition, health and safety practices and procedures appropriate for use when teaching young children.
- Be engaged as members of the Early Childhood profession and use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to early childhood practice.

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