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what's important

The Early Childhood Program Director's Certificate is available to early childhood professionals in the state as well as to students. Prior to the development of this program, Wyoming was one of the only states not to have such a certification. The certificate program is designed to:

- fit Wyoming's Professional Career Development Competency Wheel and the Professional Development Career Lattice,
- fit the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Guidelines for the Preparation of Early Childhood Professionals (1996),
- complement the definition of Quality Child Care developed by the governor's Council on Early Childhood Development,
- allow a variety of paths to certification, and
- fit the on-campus and distance delivery of the FCSC bachelor's degree.



about the program

Courses in the Early Childhood Program Director's Certificate not only satisfy certification requirements for many states, but they also meet many of the requirements of a bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. In addition, they also fit professional development for home providers and daycare professionals. Certificate requirements include courses in: Early Childhood Growth and Development, Early Childhood Methods and Techniques, Uniqueness and Cultural Awareness, Family Relationships, Early Childhood Program Administration, Nutrition, and Health and Safety.

If you have a bachelor's or master's degree in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education or Family and Consumer Sciences - Child Development, you need no additional experience to earn your certificate. Transcripts documenting a degree can be reviewed for core content in order to meet the certificate requirements.

If you have a bachelor's degree with a major in Elementary Education, an associate's degree with a major in Early Childhood Education, or a CDA, you need one year experience working directly with children ages 0-5 in a child development classroom in addition to

meeting the course requirements in order to earn your certificate.

If you have a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field or no degree, you need two years experience working directly with children ages 0-5 in a child development classroom in addition to meeting the course requirements in order to earn your certificate.



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The mission of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is to develop and use knowledge for improvement of everyday human life.

The department's uniqueness is its holistic approach to understanding the critical problems of individuals and their families. Those who would benefit from these courses include: Head Start teachers and directors; home providers; Department of Family Services, Adoption, and Social Service workers; public health nurses; school nurses; directors of school-age child care programs; preschool program teachers, and public school teachers.



Will I have an adviser?

All of our distance students have an assigned adviser who will work with the student throughout their certificate program. The adviser will analyze General Transfer Credits for program equivalents, work with the student to determine how many courses per semester they want to take, recommend the appropriate course sequence so that prerequisites are followed, and answer any questions the student might have about their program. For the 2003-2004 academic year, Diana Currah will be the adviser. She can be contacted at (307) 332-4780.

How do I sign up for classes?

Advising will occur every November for spring courses, and every April for summer and fall enrollment. Once your adviser has recommended the courses you need to take, you can sign up for Online UW courses at online.uwyo.edu or call 1-800-448-7801. For correspondence courses, enroll by phone at 1-800-448-7801 or FAX at (307) 766-4048.