The Early Childhood Education program at College of the Siskiyous (COS) provides students with the academic and practical skills for credentialing and entry-level employment, or career advancement, in the development and education of school-age children in California.

Is This Program the Right Fit for You?
- Are you an intelligent, patient, and caring person with a passion for working with children and families?
- Eager to enter the teaching field and play a significant role in the education, development and success of young learners?
- Have a teaching permit and wish to move to the next level, such as teacher or master teacher?
- Experienced in teaching and ready to complete an associate degree or add career-building credentials to your bachelor’s degree?
- Interested in becoming licensed to serve as a foster family in California?

If so, you may be a strong candidate for this program, which trains you for a rewarding career.

Earn Your Teaching Permit or Degree
The Early Childhood Education program prepares you to apply for all levels of teacher permits required in California. Or you can earn an associate degree that allows you to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

Start Your Future Today!
Complete your degree and get on the path to a more rewarding career and life.
Learn more about this program and apply for admission at www.siskiyous.edu/cte/ecd.

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Established in 1957, and located at the base of California’s beautiful Mount Shasta, College of the Siskiyous is an open-access, public institution dedicated to providing excellence in education, cultural enrichment and service to the community. The College is widely recognized for its outstanding programs in the humanities and arts, sciences and technology, and in athletics.

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The Early Childhood Education program offers a dynamic course of study in the theory and practice of child development and its application to work with young children.

During the program’s two-year rotation of classes, you’ll gain an understanding of the cognitive, psychosocial and physical development of the child from conception through adolescence and how to use this knowledge in your work with children and families. You’ll also learn about the role of community resources in supporting children and families.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: Our courses lead directly to Child Development Permits issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and are an excellent path for entry into primary and elementary education programs. Permits include:
- Assistant Teacher
- Associate Teacher
- Teacher
- Master Teacher
- Site Supervisor
- Program Director

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OPTIONS: In two years, you can complete an associate degree in Child Development, a transfer associate degree to any California State University, or you can articulate to Southern Oregon University.

FOSTER CARE LICENSURE: Our Foster and Kinship Care Education program prepares foster families for licensing in California, providing pre- and post-service workshops.

CLASS FORMATS: In this program, students throughout Siskiyou County participate in a blend of video-conference, face-to-face and online classes. Practicum classes offer supervised student teaching at our Discovery Child Development Center at the Weed campus and at other mentor teacher sites in the county.

View all course requirements for our six Child Development Permits and our Associate Degree at www.siskiyous.edu/cte/ece.

Employment in early childhood education is expected to keep pace with or exceed the national average for all occupations through 2020 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Career options for graduates of this program include working with children and families as:
- Teachers or site directors
- Preschool teachers or site directors
- Infant-toddler caregivers or site directors
- Early education program site supervisors
- Family childcare providers

And working in such settings as:
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- California State Preschools
- Independent early education programs
- Family Resource Centers and service agencies

Course Schedule
Early Childhood Education is a two-year program offering face-to-face, online, video-conference and practicum classes designed to meet the needs of students who often work full-time. The program is based at our Yreka campus.

Registration
Apply to COS with our convenient online or paper application. You’ll find both at www.siskiyous.edu/apply/registration.htm.

For more information on this program and how to apply, contact us. See contact details on the back of this brochure.

Financial Aid
Concerned about the cost of college? COS is committed to helping you explore all options for financial aid. To learn more, start here: www.siskiyous.edu/financialaid