



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM FAQs

Is the entire Early Childhood Program Online?

NWTC Early Childhood Program classes are offered in a variety of [Ways of Learning](#), to make learning convenient for you. Classes are offered Online, Online-Live, and In-Person, and Blended.

How long does it take to complete one three-credit course?

8-weeks. Studies show with 8-week classes, you're more likely to succeed! It's possible to:

- Develop connections with your instructors and fellow students more quickly because you're spending more time together in a shorter time frame.
- Graduate sooner since you can complete more credits each semester!

Do I need to enroll in both 8-week sessions at once?

Yes. If you are using financial aid, we advise that students enroll in both 8-week sessions at once. You can (and should) contact your Academic Advisor or Financial Aid Advisor if you plan to make changes to your schedule.

12 credits or more is considered a full-time course load. Consider the following factors when deciding how many credits to take:

- Do you work full time?
- What are your family obligations?
- How much support can you expect from others?
- How long since you have been in school?
- Have you taken an online class before?
- How easy is it for you to access a computer?
- Do you have reliable internet access?
- What is your personal learning style?

Do assignments have to be completed at a particular time?

Yes. We have found it is much easier for students to stay on track and successfully finish courses when instructors give due dates and students follow those dates. We recommend that you set up a regular weekly schedule to keep you on track.

Is this program eligible for financial aid?

Yes, the Early Childhood Associate Degree and Early Childhood Assistant Teacher Technical Diploma are eligible for financial aid. The certificates/credentials are not. Contact our [Financial Aid](#) office at 498-5444 or (800) 422-NWTC, ext. 5444, for the forms and more details. If you live in Wisconsin and are currently working in the childcare field, you may be eligible for a [T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship](#). Search Wisconsin Early Childhood Association > T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship for more information.

Questions?

Contact:

[Mary Beth Boettcher](#)

920-498-5410, or 1-800-422-NWTC, Ext. 5410

[Stacey Felton](#)

920-498-6255, or 1-800-422-NWTC, Ext. 6255