



2026-2027 Certificate

Certificate: **GROUP CHILD CARE ESSENTIALS (61-307-6)**

Credits: **6 Credits**

Description: This career pathway certificate is designed for individuals wishing to satisfy the basic educational qualifications for a child care teacher. Through this course of study students will earn 6 early childhood education credits and Registry Level 7. All courses in this certificate may be applied toward the Early Childhood Associate Degree program. This career pathway is ideal for 2 star programs wishing to support teacher’s professional development and training and to improve to a 3-star rating.

Related Program: Early Childhood Education

The sequence shown is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.
Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

REQUIRED COURSES

NOTE: Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)
R-E Racine Evening, O = Online, F=Fall, S=Spring

✓	Term One	Credits	Prerequisite	Corequisite	R-E	O
	307-148 ECE: Foundations of ECE	3			F	F/S
	307-167 ECE: Health, Safety and Nutrition	3			F	F/S
	Total Credits	6				

Students who are interested in continuing into the 10-307-1 Early Childhood Education program can earn their associate degree by completing an additional 55 credits. Please see your academic advisor for details.

NOTE: This certificate was previously titled Child Care Basics.

Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

NOTE: Students must complete the certificate program with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.