

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Learners will gain an understanding of children's needs and the behaviors that are needed to function in today's childcare environment. Students will gain skills in the childcare industry that can transfer directly into employment. This certificate could result in a completer gaining a higher YoungStar rating, and in turn resulting in a safer and more productive environment for the child/children.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Gain awareness of proper nutrient, licensing rules and regulations, health and safety standards essential to the education and welfare of young children
- Comprehend professional terminology used in the early childhood field

**ADMISSIONS AND FIRST SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

- Submit online application.
- Complete the online Student Success Questionnaire.
- Complete Get Started at Lakeshore appointment:
  - Application Check-in
  - College Orientation Overview
  - 1st Time Program Registration

*\*Submit high school transcripts, college transcripts, and test scores (optional, highly recommended). Official transcripts will be needed for transferring college credit(s) and for financial aid purposes.*

**ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS/FUTURE SEMESTER ENROLLMENT STEPS**

If applicable, complete program-specific academic preparedness requirements and enrollment steps prior to enrolling in occupational or core courses. Students will be notified if there is a program waitlist. View the college's program webpage for details: <https://lakeshore.edu/academics/certificates/childcare-professional>.

**APPROXIMATE COSTS**

\$152.85 per credit tuition (WI resident) plus \$9.17 per credit student activity fee. Material fee varies depending on course. Other fees vary by program. Visit [lakeshore.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees](https://lakeshore.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees) for details.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

- To practice in the field completers will need to successfully pass a background information check.
- The four courses in the Childcare Professional Certificate are part of both the one-year Child Care Services technical diploma and the two-year Early Childhood Education associate degree.
- Learn when you want. Progress at your own pace. Receive personalized coaching and support. The full CBE definition may be found at [lakeshore.edu/cbe](https://lakeshore.edu/cbe).

**CAREER AND EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

A Child Care Professional pathway certificate will train students for work in the occupation of childcare. There are an estimated 203 annual job openings within a 50 mile radius of Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties. This certificate also ladders into the Child Care Services technical diploma program and Early Childhood Education associate degree. After completing the associate degree program students can continue their education at various 4-year colleges.

**CONTACT**

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
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**COURSES**

10307167	ECE: Health, Safety and Nutrition*	3
10307151	ECE: Infant and Toddler Development*	3
10307179	ECE: Child Development*	3
10307110	ECE: Social Studies, Art & Music*	3

**TOTAL 12**

\*CBE delivery only

*Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your academic counselor for details. The tuition and fees are approximate based on 2025-2026 rates and are subject to change prior to the start of the academic year.*

**ECE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT**...examines child development within the context of the early childhood education setting. This course focuses on children ages 3 -8 years.

**ECE: HEALTH, SAFETY AND NUTRITION**...examines the topics of health, safety, and nutrition within the context of the early childhood educational setting. This course includes training for Abusive Head Trauma, SIDS, and Mandated Reporter certifications.

**ECE: INFANT AND TODDLER DEVELOPMENT**...explores infant and toddler development as it applies to an early childhood education setting. This course focuses children conception through thirty-six months. This course includes training for Wisconsin Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care certification.

**ECE: SOCIAL STUDIES, ART, & MUSIC**...focuses on beginning level curriculum development in the specific integrated content areas of social studies, art, music, & movement (SSAMM).