Early Childhood Education



Youth Apprenticeship

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Early childhood youth apprentices assist teachers in a variety of settings. Focus is placed on maintaining a safe and healthy environment, building relationships with parents and staff, and implementing learning activities.

Length of Apprenticeship: One or two years

OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Youth apprentices work with a job site mentor to demonstrate the following competencies.

Year 1: Youth apprentices must complete a **total of 15** competencies. **Fourteen** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Year 2: Youth apprentices must complete a **total of 16** competencies. **Fifteen** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. Those skills should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Note: In most settings, youth apprentices must meet the requirements set forth by the WI Department of Children and Families (DCF) for Early Childhood Program Aide (at least 16 years of age) or Early Childhood Assistant Teacher (at least 17 years of age with appropriate training). The DCF childcare regulation requirements are outline in more detail their website: <u>Wisconsin Child Care Regulation</u>.

YEAR 1 Competencies			YEAR 2 Competencies
1.	Obtain training or certification requirements	1.	Maintain training or certification
	required for employment		requirements for required for employment
2.	Assess environment for safety hazards	2.	Care for minor injuries and illnesses
3.	Maintain a clean and sanitary environment	3.	Conduct informal observations
4.	Adhere to emergency procedures	4.	Perform food preparation
5.	Follow employer child tracking procedures	5.	Implement developmentally appropriate
6.	Serve meals		positive guidance strategies
7.	Foster social interaction during meals	6.	Teach social and emotional skills
8.	Instruct children on personal hygiene	7.	Support culturally responsive environments,
9.	Model personal hygiene		activities, and materials
10.	Follow toileting and diapering procedures	8.	Implement modifications to routines,
11.	Incorporate teacher-directed activities for		environments, and equipment to ensure
	small and large groups		inclusivity
12.	Implement outdoor learning activities	9.	Integrate learning opportunities into
13.	Establish positive relationships with children		caregiving routines
	and families	10.	Evaluate the lesson plan
14.	Comply with licensing regulations	11.	Model interpersonal skills with children and
			families

15. Model professionalism as an Early Childhood	12. Identify community resources available to
Educator	families
	13. Engage in reflective practice
	14. Advocate for the early childhood profession
	15. Uphold ethical standards for early childhood
	educators
	16. Maintain knowledge of best practices and
	recent developments

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

The following Registered Apprenticeship is available in this area:

• Early Childhood Educator

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. The following is a partial list.

- Early Childhood Education
- Foundations of Teacher Education

Early Childhood Education



Youth Apprenticeship ON-THE-JOB LEARNING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS GUIDE (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA CONSORTIUM)

YOUTH APPRENTICE INFORMATION

Youth Apprentice Name	
YA Coordinator	YA Consortium
School District	High School Graduation Date

REQUIREMENTS

Level One Requirements

Youth apprentices must complete ALL the items listed below. Check completed areas.

- Year 1 Competency checklist
- Employability Skills checklist (in this OJL Guide) or the WI Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Employability Skills Certificate
- Related instruction equal to 1 high school credit or at least 3 college credits
- Minimum of 450 work hours

Level Two Requirements

- ☐ Youth apprentices must complete ALL the items listed below. Check completed areas.
- Year 2 Competency checklist
- Employability Skills checklist (in this OJL Guide) or the DPI Employability Skills Certificate
- Related instruction equal to 2 high school credits or at least 6 college credits
- Minimum of 900 work hours

HOURS

Record the hours the youth apprentice worked.

Total Hours Employed	Company Name	Telephone Number

RELATED INSTRUCTION

YEAR 1: Indicate which related instruction courses the youth apprentice completed.

Dual Credit	Course Number and Title	Credits	Instruction Provider

YEAR 2: Indicate which related instruction courses the youth apprentice completed.

Dual Credit	Course Number and Title	Credits	Instruction Provider

SIGNATURES

The On-the-Job Learning Performance Standards Guide includes a list of competencies youth apprentices learn through mentoring and training at the worksite.

Instructions for the Worksite Employers/Mentors and School-Based or YA coordinators: This document should be reviewed with the employer/mentor, school-based or YA coordinator on a regular basis with the youth apprentice to record progress and plan future steps to ensure completion of the required competencies. Mentors, school-based/YA coordinator, and the apprentice sign below.

Employer/Mentor Signature	Employer/Mentor Signature
Employer/Mentor	Employer/Mentor
Business/Company	Business/Company
Date Signed	Date Signed
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator
School District or Organization	School District or Organization
Date Signed	Date Signed
Youth Apprentice Signature	Youth Apprentice Signature
Youth Apprentice	Youth Apprentice
School District / High School	School District / High School
Date Signed	Date Signed
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EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Youth apprentices must demonstrate key employability skills.

The DWD YA program employability skills requirement may be attained and demonstrated through two processes. (See options listed below.) Employability skills must be completed for every year a student is in the program. The DPI Employability Skills Certificate may be counted as meeting one of those two years, provided the certificate is earned in the same year the student is enrolled in youth apprenticeship or they can complete the YA Employability Skills in the OJL. The Employability Skills Certificate must be obtained through the DPI.

 If a student has successfully completed a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State-Certified Cooperative Education, <u>Co-Op Employability Skill certification</u> then they have met the YA Employability Skills requirement for that year. A copy of the student's DPI Co-Op Employability Skill Certificate must be maintained on file with their YA regional consortium.

Earned Wisconsin Employability Skills Certificate (checked if applicable) or,

2. Completed and rated "Employability Skills" through this YA OJL guide as described below.

3	<i>Exceeds Expectations:</i> Exceeds entry-level criteria; requires minimal supervision; consistently displays this behavior
2	<i>Meets Expectations:</i> Meets entry-level criteria; requires some supervision; often displays this behavior
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1	Working to Meet Expectations: Needs improvement; requires much assistance and supervision;
	rarely displays this behavior

The following skills are required of all youth apprentices.

	Employability Skills		Rating	
Competency and Rating Criteria		Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	, , ,	1	2	3
1.	Develops positive work relationships with others. Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit		Year 1 Ratin	g
	include			
	 Interacts with others with respect and in a non-judgmental manner 	Year 2 Rating		g
	 Responds to others in an appropriate and non-offensive manner Helps co-workers and peers accomplish tasks or goals Applies problem-solving strategies to improve relations with others When managing others, shows traits such as compassion, listening, coaching, team development, and appreciation 			

Employability Skills		Rating	
2. Communicates effectively with others		Year 1 Ratir	ng
Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include			
• Adjusts the communication approach for the target audience,		Year 2 Ratir	ng
 purpose, and situation to maximize impact Organizes messages/information in a logical and helpful manne 	r 🗌		
 Speaks clearly and writes legibly 			
Models behaviors to show active listening			
 Applies what was read to actual practice Asks appropriate questions for clarity 			
3. Collaborates with others Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit		Year 1 Ratir	ng
include			
 Works effectively in teams with people of diverse backgrounds regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, religion, 		Year 2 Ratir	ng
political views, and abilities			
Shares responsibility for collaborative work and decision making			
 Uses the problem-solving process to work through differences opinion in a constructive manner to achieve a reasonable 	of		
compromise			
Avoids contributing to an unproductive group conflict			
Shares information and carries out responsibilities in a timely manner			
4. Maintains composure under pressure Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit		Year 1 Ratir	ng
include			
 Uses critical thinking to determine the best options or outcome when faced with a challenging situation 	S	Year 2 Ratir	ng
 Carries out assigned duties while under pressure 			
Acts in a respectful, professional, and non-offensive manner			
 while under pressure Applies stress management techniques to cope under pressure 			
5. Demonstrates integrity Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit		Year 1 Ratir	ng
include			
 Carries out responsibilities in an ethical, legal and confidential manner 		Year 2 Ratir	ng
 Responds to situations in a timely manner 			
Takes personal responsibility to correct problems			
 Models behaviors that demonstrate self-discipline, reliability, and dependability 			

	Employability Skills		Rating	
6.	Performs quality work		Year 1 Ratir	ng
	Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include			
	Carries out written and verbal directions accurately		Year 2 Ratir	<u></u> σ
	Completes work efficiently and effectively			'δ
	Performs calculations accurately			
	 Conserves resources, supplies, and materials to minimize costs and environmental impact 			
	 Uses equipment, technology, and work strategies to improve workflow 			
	Applies problem-solving strategies to improve productivity			
	 Adheres to worksite regulations and practices Maintains an organized work area 			
7.	Provides quality goods or services (internal and external)		Year 1 Ratir	ng
	Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include			
	Shows support for the organizational goals and principles by	,	Year 2 Ratir	ng
	 own personal actions Displays a respectful and professional image to customers 			
	 Displays an enthusiastic attitude and desire to take care of 			
	customer needs			
	Seeks out ways to increase customer satisfaction			
	 Produces goods to workplace specifications 			
8.	Shows initiative and self-direction		Year 1 Ratir	l
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Employability Skills		Rating	
10. Demonstrates safety and security regulations and practices		Year 1 Ratir	ng
Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include			
Follows personal safety requirements	,	Year 2 Ratir	ng
Maintains a safe work environment			
 Demonstrates professional role in an emergency Follows security procedures 			
Maintains confidentiality			
11. Applies job-related technology, information, and media		Year 1 Ratir	Ig
Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include			
Applies technology effectively in the workplace		Year 2 Ratir	Ig
 Assesses and evaluates information on the job Assesses training manuals, website, and other media related to 			
the job			
12. Fulfills training or certification requirements for employment	,	Year 1 Ratir	ng
 Examples of this requirement may include Participation in required career-related training and/or 			
educational programs	Year 2 Rating		
 Passing certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification 			
 Participation in company training or orientation 			
12. Coto normanal acala far improvement			
13. Sets personal goals for improvement Examples of this requirement may include	`	Year 1 Ratir	ng
 Setting goals that are specific and measurable 			
 Setting work-related goals that align with the organization's mission 		Year 2 Ratir	ıg
 Identifying strategies to reach goals 			
Reflecting on goal progress to regularly evaluate and modify			
goals			
goals			

YEAR 1 OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

(TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Year 1 youth apprentices must complete a **total of 15** competencies. **Fourteen** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Rating Scale

- 3: Exceeds entry level criteria | Requires minimal supervision | Consistently displays this behavior
- 2: Meets entry level criteria | Requires some supervision | Often displays this behavior
- 1: Needs improvement | Requires much assistance and supervision | Rarely displays this behavior

If any competencies are rated "1" on the final performance review checklist that is submitted to WI DWD it is considered a failed checklist.

	Occupational Competencies		Ratings	
	Competency and Rating Criteria	Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
		1	2	3
1.	 Obtain training or certification requirements required for employment complete required career-related training and/or educational programs pass certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification participate in company training or orientation 			
2.	 Assess environment for safety hazard scan classroom from ceiling to floor identify safety hazards remove any safety hazards report safety hazards that are non-mobile ensure all hazardous materials are inaccessible to children 			
3.	 Maintain a clean and sanitary environment stock classroom with adequate cleaning and sanitation supplies implement cleaning schedule complete three-step sanitation process use cleaning solutions following safety guidelines apply universal standard precautions 			
4.	 Adhere to emergency procedures follow employer security procedures follow employer evacuation procedures follow employer emergency medical procedures 			

Occupational Competencies			Ratings		
	Minimum Rating of 2 fo		for EACH		
	Competency and Rating Criteria		Check Rating		
		1	2	3	
5.	Follow employer child tracking procedures				
	 identify child-staff ratio 				
	 conduct name-to-face check 				
	 track children in and out of classroom 				
	 stay in sight and sound of all children 				
6.	Serve meals				
	 clean and sanitize food surfaces 				
	 ensure adequate supplies are available 				
	 provide proper food portions according to food serving size guidelines 				
	demonstrate safe food handling				
	serve food items to children				
	help children serve themselves				
	• prepare infant formula or breast milk				
	 feed formula or breast milk to infants 				
	help older children serve food				
7.	Foster social interaction during meals				
	 sit with children during meals or snacks 				
	 generate discussion during the meals 				
	 encourage children to talk and be social with their peers 				
	 model appropriate table manners 				
8.	Instruct children on personal hygiene				
	teach proper hand-washing procedure				
	• teach hygienic nose-blowing, coughing, and sneezing				
	teach proper dental hygiene				
	• use a variety of strategies, e g discussions, positive				
	guidance, visual displays, reading materials, songs,				
	rhymes, and games				
9.	Model personal hygiene				
5.	 demonstrate proper hygiene through basic self-care 				
	 model hygienic nose-blowing, coughing, and sneezing 				
	 model proper hand-washing procedures 				
10	. Follow toileting and diapering procedures				
	• identify each child's diapering/toileting requirements				
	demonstrate proper diapering procedures				
	 demonstrate proper toileting procedures 				
	follow sanitizing guidelines				

Occupational Competencies	Occupational Competencies Ratings		
	Minimun	n Rating of 2	for EACH
Competency and Rating Criteria	Check Rating		
	1	2	3
11. Incorporate teacher-directed activities for small and large groups			
prepare for the activity			
follow plans prepared by the teacher			
 engage with children during the activity 			
12. Implement outdoor learning activities			
 carry out plans for outdoor learning activities prepared by the teacher 			
prepare for the activity			
engage with children during outdoor learning			
 confirm learning materials are easily accessible to children 			
13. Establish positive relationships with children and families			
greet parents and children by name daily			
 communicate daily with families regarding children's 			
classroom experiences			
 develop opportunities for families to engage with other families 			
 use the opportunities during "drop-off" and "pick-up" time 			
to build rapport with families			
 create opportunities for families to volunteer in the 			
classroom and/or center			
14. Comply with licensing regulations			
 demonstrate knowledge about licensing rules and 			
regulations			
 adhere to agency confidentiality rules and guidelines 			
maintain certifications			
15. Model professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator			
 greet families and children by name and on the child's level 			
demonstrate professional verbal and nonverbal			
communications			
 demonstrate professional appearance and demeanor 			
Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above,			
note the competency and rating)			
Comments:			

YEAR 2 OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

(TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Year 2 youth apprentices must complete a **total of 16** competencies. **Fifteen** must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute **1** competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. Those skills should be added to the competency list for assessment.

Rating Scale

- 3: Exceeds entry level criteria | Requires minimal supervision | Consistently displays this behavior
- 2: Meets entry level criteria | Requires some supervision | Often displays this behavior
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	Occupational Competencies		Ratings	
		Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH		
	Competency and Rating Criteria	Check Rating		
		1	2	3
1.	 Maintain training or certification requirements for required for employment complete required career-related training and/or educational programs pass certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification participate in company training or orientation 			
2.	 Care for minor injuries and illnesses assess the injury or illness complete necessary care per employer policy complete required documentation 			
3.	 Conduct informal observations write objective anecdotal notes that include evidence of children's development across all domains align observations to appropriate developmental skills and learning objectives assist lead teacher with observation data entry complete observation checklist 			
4.	 Perform food preparation demonstrate proper food handling procedures demonstrate proper food storage procedures prepare nutritious meals according to USDA guidelines demonstrate proper dishwashing and sanitation 			

	Occupational Competencies		Ratings	
	Minimum Rating of 2 for		for EACH	
	Competency and Rating Criteria	(Check Rating	
		1	2	3
5.	Implement developmentally appropriate positive			
	guidance strategies			
	 use evidence-based approaches 			
	 phrase expectations positively 			
	 use a variety of strategies (visual, auditory, etc.) 			
6.	Teach social and emotional skills			
0.	 model empathy 			
	 validate children's feelings 			
	 model self-regulation skills 			
	 assist children with recognizing and labeling their feelings 			
	 instill self-regulation skills 			
	 facilitate problem-solving skills 			
7.	Support culturally responsive environments, activities,			
	and materials			
	• respect the unique nature of every individual and family			
	• share ideas for representing the culture of children and			
	families in the classroom			
	• implement materials which represent the culture of the			
	children and families in the classroom			
	• participate in cultural relevant activities representative of			
	the children and families in the classroom			
0	Implement modifications to routines, environments, and			
8.	equipment to ensure inclusivity			
	 follow special accommodations 			
	 adjust environments and activities to provide accessibility 			
	as directed			
9.	Integrate learning opportunities into caregiving routines			
	• identify learning opportunities within caregiving routines			
	 implement learning opportunities within caregiving 			
	routines			
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10	Evaluate the lesson plan			
	 identify successful and unsuccessful activities and/or 			
	components			
	reflect on what went well and the challenges			
	 reflect on what could be done differently next time 			
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Occupational Competencies	Ratings		
	Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH		for EACH
Competency and Rating Criteria	Check Rating		
	1	2	3
 11. Model interpersonal skills with families maintain ongoing and productive communication with families demonstrate good listening skills implement effective strategies for addressing family concerns 			
 12. Identify community resources available to families identify resources available to families locate information about resources 			
 13. Engage in reflective practice evaluate personal skills and abilities develop goals for personal and professional development develop strategies for achieving goals demonstrate willingness to accept feedback 			
 14. Advocate for the early childhood profession use terms "early childhood education" and "early childhood educator " communicate the importance of development and learning in ages 0-5 demonstrate knowledge of early childhood legislative/policy initiatives 			
 15. Uphold ethical standards for early childhood educators identify ethical standards in early childhood education demonstrate ethical standards in daily practice 			
 16. Maintain knowledge of best practices and recent developments research current developments implement current developments investigate other professional Early Childhood Education resources such as Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R), Wisconsin Registry, T.E.A.C.H and Reward Program Plus, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA), etc. 			
Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above, note the competency and rating)			
Comments:	I		L

Post-Program Completion Survey



Youth Apprenticeship

YA POST-PROGRAM COMPLETION SURVEY: EMPLOYER FEEDBACK

Employers complete the following information. YA Coordinators will enter this into the Post-Program Completion Survey.

YA Employer Post-Program Completion Questions			
Will you offer or have you offered the Youth Apprentice a continuing position with your company?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
If continuing position offered to youth apprentice, did they accept?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
If yes, please answer the questions below:	L		
Was the offer for full time or part time work?	Full-time Part-time		
Title of the position offered:			
What is the wage of the continuing employment offer?			
If applicable, will the youth apprentice advance to a Registered Apprenticeship?			

YA POST-PROGRAM COMPLETION SURVEY: COMPLETED BY YA CONSORTIUM

The <u>Post-Program Completion Survey</u> form is to be provided to each student completing the Youth Apprenticeship program to capture information on the student's plans after leaving the program. This **form should be completed by the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator** to capture information from all high school seniors and level two youth apprentices and their employers after successful completion of the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

The form should be completed during the final meeting between the student, mentor, and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, when the final checklist or On-the-Job Learning (OJL) Guide is filled out and signed. Information captured on this form must be entered online using the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Electronic Records System (BASERS).



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