

OCCC Board of Education

January 17, 2018

F. Action Items

b. Resolution 18-01-02:

Approve the Early Childhood Education Certificate to be offered at OCCC beginning Fall, 2018

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WHEREAS, labor market data, community organizations and employers identify a shortage of Early Childhood teaching professionals in Lincoln County, and

WHEREAS Portland Community College has an existing certificate program which meets the college and community needs,

WHEREAS grants and community funding has been secured to cover program costs for the first four years,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education approves the addition of the Early Childhood Education Less than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate to the College curriculum (see attached).

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<u><i>Nay</i></u>	<u><i>Abstain</i></u>	<u><i>Excused</i></u>
Chandler, Chris				
Emery, Richard				
Kilduff, Debbie				
Nelson-Robertson, Alison				
Osterlund, Nancy				
Ouderkirk, Jeff				
Ryer, Cliff				

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Chairperson of the Board

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Clerk of the Board



January 10, 2018

To: OCCC College Council

From: Instructional Leadership Team

Re: Recommendation to Adopt the following PCC Certificate and PCC Courses at OCCC

### **Less Than One-Year Certificate**

- Early Childhood Education Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate, and
- All associated courses

### **Transfer Courses**

- ED 224 – Foundations of Education
- ED 112 – Introduction to Children's Literature
- ED 251 – Overview of Exceptional Learners
- HE 295 – Health and Fitness for Life

### **Justification**

Lincoln County is a rural community with few large employers spread across a variety of sectors (Hospitality & Tourism; Government/Education; Healthcare; Marine; Wood Products; etc.). Training programs in K-12 and Early Childhood Education meet needs for entry in one of the largest employment sectors in the County. There are no other training and education programs available in Lincoln County to address this workforce need.

Preparing a local Early Childhood workforce

**(requires addition of LTOY Cert and 15 associated courses to OCCC curriculum)**

- High school juniors and seniors earn dual credit toward a Certificate in Early Childhood Education
- These students could complete the ECE Certificate while in high school and be ready to enter the workforce upon graduation from high school.
- Community members can complete the certificate in less than one year.

There are multiple target populations for the Early Childhood Education Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate at OCCC, including: working adults, recent HS graduates, current HS dual credit students, ESOL & ABS students, and GED completers.

OCCC, TBCC, LCSD, and WOU are partnering on the Rural Teacher Education Pathway Project (RTEPP) to create integrated pathways for residents of Lincoln and Tillamook Counties to enter the teaching workforce.

Preparing a local teacher workforce in p-12

**(requires the addition of 4 courses to OCCC curriculum)**

- High school juniors and seniors earn dual credit toward a transfer degree in Education
  - Upon graduation from H.S., students complete lower division courses at OCCC.
- Community members take first two years of courses as AAOT or AGS



- Students transfer as Juniors to Western Oregon University
- As Seniors, students return to Lincoln County to complete student teaching, and to work as paraprofessionals or complete teaching internships all the while completing coursework leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

The design of the proposed certificates and degrees creates an effective “career ladder” in which a relatively short-term certificate can provide entry into a career area, and further experience and education (up to the bachelors or even masters level) leads to identifiable advanced career opportunities in the field.

### **Labor Market Data for Early Childhood Education**

The [Training Oregonians for the Right Jobs](#) report projects 425 annual openings in childcare across the state. EMSI has identified 548 jobs with 50 employers across the three-county region of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. The [living wage](#) for a single adult with no children in Lincoln County for 2018 is \$10.76/hr. The median hourly wage for childcare workers in Lincoln County is \$11.84/hr.

### **Sustainability Planning**

We anticipate receiving approximately \$250,000 from the Meyer Memorial Trust over the next 3-years and \$120,000 from LCSD over the next four years to support the implementation of the Early Childhood Education LTOY Certificate and the Transfer Pathway in Education. These funds will help to subsidize initial start-up costs, particularly in the first years while enrollments gain momentum. The proposed program (below) shows 15 total courses associated with the new Certificate. The college anticipates recruiting for a full-time Early Childhood Education faculty in February with a start date of no later than Fall 2018. In the interim, the college is contracting with LCSD and PCC to provide support for assembling an advisory committee, program certification, and the development of instructional materials.



## Proposed Certificate

Certificate Title:	Early Childhood Education Less Than One-Year: Career Pathway Certificate
Certificate Requirements and prerequisites:	<p><b>36 credits</b></p> <p>Academic Prerequisites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placement into WR 115 or IRW 115 for the certificates.</li> <li>• MTH 20 is recommended for Environments (ECE 122I).</li> </ul> <p>Other Prerequisites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An initial advising/information session with an Early Childhood Education Program faculty advisor. Info session schedule available at the Child and Family Studies Office.</li> <li>• Admittance to practicum is based on previously completed coursework, availability, and department permission. To be considered for practicum, students must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Be enrolled in the State of Oregon Office of Child Care, Central Background Registry;</li> <li>○ Submit verification of measles immunization.</li> <li>○ Submit verification of negative TB Skin Test within the last year;</li> <li>○ Possess a current Oregon Food Handlers Certificate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note: costs associated with required practicum documentation are the sole responsibility of the student.</p>

Required Courses	Title
<a href="#">ECE 120</a>	Introduction to Early Education and Family Studies
<a href="#">ECE 121</a>	Observation and Guidance I
<a href="#">ECE 122I</a>	Environments and Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
<a href="#">ECE 123P</a>	Environments and Curriculum for Preschool
<a href="#">ECE 124</a>	Multicultural Practices: Exploring Our Views
<a href="#">ECE 130A</a> <sup>2</sup>	Practicum Seminar 1
<a href="#">ECE 130B</a> <sup>2</sup>	Practicum Seminar 2
<a href="#">ECE 133</a>	Practicum 1 in Early Childhood Education
or <a href="#">ECE 131A</a>	Practicum for Experienced Teachers 1
<a href="#">ECE 134</a>	Practicum 2 in Early Childhood Education
or <a href="#">ECE 131B</a>	Practicum for Experienced Teachers 2
<a href="#">ECE 196</a>	Teaming and Communication in ECE Settings
<a href="#">HE 112</a> <sup>1</sup>	Standard First Aid and Emergency Care
<a href="#">HE 262</a>	Children's Health, Nutrition & Safety
<a href="#">HEC 201</a>	Family Partnerships in Education