



## Suggested Schedule to Certificate in Early Childhood Education I-BEST Support

This pathway meets requirements for the Initial, Short, and State certificates in Early Childhood Education with I-BEST support. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with a North advisor to confirm you're still meeting the certificate requirements. This program requires you to work or volunteer in an early childhood setting with children ages birth to eight years.

### To Do

- Contact the I-BEST navigator at [northibest@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:northibest@seattlecolleges.edu).
- Take the CASAS tests. If you score below 215, please attend ABE or ESL orientation.
- Visit [startnextquarter.org](http://startnextquarter.org) to find out if Workforce Education funding is available for you.
- If not currently working in the field, find a volunteer position or job working with children and obtain your required background check through the Department of Children, Youth & Families.
- Contact [ECEinfo@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:ECEinfo@seattlecolleges.edu) to discuss Early Achievers funding.
- Explore placement options: consider taking the math and English placement tests if needed.
- Transfer previous college credits to North. Link: <https://northseattle.edu/credentials>

### Year One

#### Quarter 1

- ECED& 105 Introduction to Early Childhood Education ..... 5
- ECED& 120 Practicum: Nurturing Relationships..... 2
- Optional: BTS 050 I-BEST Support..... 1-2

#### Quarter 2

- ECED& 107 Health, Safety and Nutrition ..... 5
- EDUC& 115 Child Development ..... 5

#### Quarter 3

- EDUC& 130 Guiding Behavior ..... 3
- Optional: BTS 050 I-BEST Support..... 1-2

**If continuing to the State certificate in Early Childhood Education, follow the pathway below.**

#### Quarter 4

- ECED& 160 Curriculum Development ..... 5
- EDUC& 150 Child, Family and Community ..... 3

### Credits

#### Quarter 1

- Meet with your I-BEST navigator or ECE advisor to register for next quarter and discuss your goals, including math and English placement.
- Attend group advising (during class time), check in with your funding source and view degree audit.
- Refer to the ESL or ABE math maps for course sequencing.
- Create an Educational Plan with your advisor and check all credits from other colleges transferred in.

#### Quarter 2

- Visit the Student Learning Center to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- (Workforce) Fill out quarterly enrollment form (QEF) for Workforce Education (if necessary).
- (Early Achievers) Confirm your educational plan with your point of contact.
- Talk to your I-BEST navigator to discuss your transition out of I-BEST.
- Research future education options such as the State certificate in Early Childhood Education.
- If you have any funding gaps, apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc.

#### Quarter 3

- Apply for the Initial and Short certificates in Early Childhood Education with your I-BEST navigator.
- Talk to your I-BEST navigator about borrowing a cap and gown for commencement.
- Visit Career Services office in the OCE&E building to learn about career/job exploration resources.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.

#### Quarter 4

- Apply for Summer Financial Aid if you plan to continue.
- Register for both summer and fall quarters.



## Year Two

### Quarter 5

- Math.....5
- and/or English.....5
- ECED& 180 Language and Literacy Development.....3

### Quarter 6

- Math.....5
- and/or English.....5
- ECED& 190 Observing and Assessment .....3

### Quarter 7

- Math.....5
- and/or English.....5
- ECED& 170 Environments-Young Children.....3

**Total Credits Required: 47**

### Quarter 5

- Take math or English according to your educational plan.
- (Workforce) Fill out quarterly enrollment form (QEF) for Workforce Education (if necessary).
- (Early Achievers) Confirm your educational plan with your point of contact.

### Quarter 6

- See an ECE advisor about continuing to the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education degree.
- Apply for the State certificate in Early Childhood Education with an ECE advisor.

### Quarter 7

- Goal: Complete college level math and English 101.
- Consult the Early Childhood Community Resources canvas shell for more information and opportunities about ECE.
- Talk to your I-BEST navigator about borrowing a cap and gown for commencement.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.



## About the Pathway

This pathway meets requirements for the Initial, Short, and State certificates in Early Childhood Education with I-BEST support. I-BEST programs are team taught by Early Childhood Education faculty and Academic Skills experts who support students with academic skills and background knowledge for success and completion in the program. I-BEST students may also qualify for the Opportunity Grant and benefit from I-BEST Navigation throughout their North Seattle career path. Completion of this pathway opens doors to a variety of careers in family child care, public and private preschools, family support, and administration. It also allows you to continue on to the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education at North.

Students in this pathway develop skills in child development, anti-bias education, supporting child outcomes across developmental domains, curriculum development, evaluation and assessment, and behavior guidance. This does not grant K-8 teacher certification.

## Career Opportunities

- Assistant Teacher or Lead Teacher in an early childhood setting
- Assistant Director
- Curriculum Coordinator
- Professional Development Coordinator
- Family Support Specialist
- Before and After School Care

An Associate degree or higher may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit [www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

## Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1283
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees .....	\$475

**\*Please note that these costs are estimates and vary by credit load.**

## Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students planning to complete the state certificate should apply for financial aid – do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back. You do not need to be a full-time student to receive financial aid funds.

Some students may be eligible for Workforce Education tuition assistance programs depending on program of study, family income and family size, DSHS assistance, unemployment/employment status of self or spouse, or veteran status. Take this short survey to find out if you pre-qualify for funding at: [www.StartNextQuarter.org](http://www.StartNextQuarter.org).

Depending on your work place, you may be eligible for Early Achievers funding. Contact [eeinfo@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:eeinfo@seattlecolleges.edu) for more information.

## Length of Program

47 credits = 7 quarters if you follow the pathway.

## Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers courses on-campus in the evenings, online, or hybrid (part on-campus, part online), Monday-Thursday and Saturdays.

## Find Out More

Visit [north.seattle.edu/programs/early-childhood-education](http://north.seattle.edu/programs/early-childhood-education) or contact the I-BEST Navigator at [northibest@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:northibest@seattlecolleges.edu) or [206-934-4585](tel:206-934-4585).

## Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

## Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the state certificate, additional education opportunities include:

- An Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.
- A Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Early Childhood Education at North Seattle College.
- A Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Behavioral Science, Child, Youth, and Family Studies, Human Development, Children's Literacy or a related field at a community or technical college.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.