Hawai‘i Community College Early Childhood Education, Hawai‘i CC - Pālamanui

This program is designed to provide attitudes, skills, and knowledge for people who work with young children and their families in a variety of early childhood settings. The Certificate of Competence (C.O.) or Certificate of Achievement (C.A.) prepares students for support roles in early childhood programs. An Associate in Science (A.S.) degree prepares students to be teachers or lead practitioners in early childhood programs. The A.S. degree is articulated with UH West O‘ahu’s Bachelor’s Degree in Social Science with a concentration in Early Childhood Education.

Students taking Laboratory or Practicum courses are required to complete fingerprinting and criminal history record checks.

Twenty-eight (28) credits of General Education courses are required for the ECED degree; most can be taken online. Additional ECED classes may be scheduled through PACE (Professional and Career Early Education), via VideoConference or in-person at Pālamanui. Classes will also be scheduled in Hilo.

WestHI-ECED majors should seek advising early from their counselor and the ECED faculty. Completing the degree in a timely fashion will require planning including taking online, VideoConference, and face-to-face classes. Some classes may be offered from a campus other than Hawai‘i CC.

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