



Early Childhood Mental Health Professional Certificate Program

The University of Wyoming College of Education and Outreach Credit Programs, a division of the Outreach School, offer an interdisciplinary Early Childhood Mental Health Professional Certificate Program that provides career development for professionals across disciplines working with children 0-8 and their caregivers as health, mental health, educational or social service providers.

Why should I receive this training?

This certificate program offers unique, up-to-date information on early childhood mental health and educational service provision including:

- Relationship-based interventions supporting early childhood development (social, emotional, cognitive);
- Early childhood social/emotional assessment and diagnosis according to the DC0-3R and DSM-IV;
- Effective functional goal development and intervention planning for children with social/emotional delays;
- Multidisciplinary and collaborative intervention methodologies;
- Strategies for working with sensory processing challenges and children with autistic disorders;
- Touchpoints© practices for supporting professionals and parents;
- Principles and practices of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics©;

How is the program organized?

The program focuses on practical knowledge to improve service delivery. Through instruction and activities, participants are trained to become leaders in ECMH within their work setting and communities. Instructors use readings from current literature on early childhood mental health and a variety of presentation methods,

including in-depth case analysis, lecture, video, and participant presentations. To earn the certificate, participants will:

- Complete 10 semester hours during two consecutive semesters (fall, spring): one four-credit course that meets once a month for an intensive weekend in Casper, and an additional one-credit course of reflective consultation that meets via the Internet one hour, once per week, both semesters.
- Complete 100 hours of practicum experience (50 hours per semester) working with children 0-8 and their caregivers;
- Complete an assessment project in the fall semester, and a final project in the spring semester that integrates class content and demonstrates new skills.
- Engage in 20 hours (10 hours per semester) of reflective consultation outside of class time.

Applicant Expectations:

We encourage applications from professionals who work with young children across disciplines (education, special education, mental health, pediatric nursing, physical/occupational therapy, speech/language, etc.). Because this program is designed to build on participants' knowledge and experience, applicants should have obtained initial training and certification in their discipline, along with one year of experience working with young children. However, we will consider applicants who have not completed basic training/experience on a case-by-case basis.

The Program begins each fall in September. Applications are accepted until the program is filled, with application review beginning in April. Some financial support available. Space is limited, so apply today!

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