Educational Advisory Council Recommendation

Subject:
NEW: ACERTP-CHA: Childcare Aide Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate

Relevant EAC Standing committee:
☐ Academic Policies & Standards Committee (APS) ☐ Curriculum Committee (CC)
☒ Degrees and Certificates Committee (DAC) ☐ Membership Committee (MC)
☐ Student Development Committee (SDC)

Brief summary of recommendation:

SAC Rationale:

Childcare Aide Less Than One-Year Career Pathway Certificate – 22 Cr.
Students enter the field of early care and education because they love children and hope to have a positive impact on their development. Oftentimes students who enter the EEFS program do so with the intention of completing a less than one-year certificate (34 credits), AAS degree, or both. Many times we encounter credential-seeking students who, for one reason or another, cannot complete the requirements of the extant offerings. Historically, students who fit this profile have achieved the requirements for an Employment Skills Training Certificate (EST), after repeated (unsuccessful) attempts to complete more intensive coursework and the practical. Unfortunately, these students frequently leave our program without a respected credential. It is our hope that by offering a Child Care Aide certificate, we will meet the needs of this specific population.

As a nationally accredited program, the Early Education and Family Studies (EEFS) program prepares teachers and home care providers of young children, ages birth through five, to plan environments, develop suitable learning experiences, and work closely with families in childhood care and education contexts. They also supervise play and physical needs of small children, organize daily activities, keep records of children’s progress, and confer with parents. Early education graduates may also work in related fields such as childcare resource and referral.

The EEFS coursework is designed to meet the needs of the working student. All coursework for the Certificate and 85% of coursework for the AAS degree can be completed through a combination of courses offered online, in the evening, and on Saturdays.

Portland Community College’s early education articulation agreement with Portland State University allows for up to 100% of transfer credits toward PSU’s child and family studies degree or degree completion program.


On 3/30/2016, The EAC Voted to Recommend Approval
Signatures below represent the support and/or approval of this recommendation; the signature of a committee chair represents the support of the respective committee.

Chair of relevant EAC standing committee

Educational Advisory Council Chair

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Portland Community College President