

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TIPS

Pre-program Status Students

The pre-program status student has been accepted into the college and is taking courses before actual entry into the program. Official entry into the program will take place in the fall. Pre-program students may have the opportunity to take courses that have openings. By completing courses ahead of time, students may decrease their credit load in the following semesters. For more information, please contact a program counselor at 1-800-547-2882, ext. 6346 or 1-715-833-6346.

Employment Requirement

A current CPR certificate is required for employment in a day care setting. CVTC offers a First Aid-CPR course, 531-350, 1 credit, or you can contact local agencies (American Heart Association, First Aid) or local hospitals/clinics to register for their CPR courses.

Physical and Criminal Record Check

A physical (including a TB test) and criminal record check must be completed prior to placement at observation or practicum sites. The Wisconsin State Department of Health and Social Services (Office of Regulation and Licensing) states:

If a person subject to a criminal record check is determined to have been convicted of or have a pending criminal charge substantially related to the care of children or the operation of the center, that person may not be licensed or allowed on the premises of the day care center or day camp and will not be able to take the clinical courses in the Child Care program.

Additional Course Recommendation

801-175 Job Search Communications (8 weeks), 1 credit, to be taken in the final semester

Transfer Credit

To see what courses transfer to a public postsecondary institution in Wisconsin, go to the Transfer Information System at www.uwsa.edu/tis,

- Click on Credit Transfer Wizard
- Click on Course Wizard

You must contact the college you wish to attend to find out exactly what they expect and when you should seek admission. The Transfer Information System does not include private colleges or out-of-state institutions.

Financial Aid Consideration:

Some courses may not be eligible for financial aid. Courses must be part of a program to be eligible. A list of courses not eligible is located on www.cvtc.edu.