The ECE program prepares individuals to work with children ages birth to eight as lead preschool teachers, child care or preschool assistant teachers, in-home child care providers, Para-educators in public schools, or child care center administrators.

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Many ECE courses are offered as I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) models to support students with basic skills in reading, writing and math.

**State Initial Certificate (12 credits)**

State Short Certificate of Specialization/Early Childhood Education-General (20 credits)

State Short Certificate of Specialization/Infant-Toddler Care (20 credits)

State Early Childhood Education Certificate (52 credits)

Associate in Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education (91 credits)

Associate of Arts & Science Transfer Degree (91 credits)

Big Bend’s ECE program has articulation transfer agreements with:

- Heritage University
- Eastern Washington University

Students must pass a background check before entering the Early Childhood Education program.

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