



Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series



Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP)

To meet the need for a highly qualified early childhood workforce, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) has established the Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP). This program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation of knowledge for working with children of specific ages (infants and toddlers or preschool). The ECEP is a collaboration between the VDSS, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

The VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement Program offers four endorsements:

1. Infant/Toddler Endorsement
2. Preschool Endorsement
3. Early Childhood Endorsement I – Creativity Series (ECEI)
4. Early Childhood Endorsement II – Health, Safety, Nutrition Series (ECEII)

VDSS Early Childhood Endorsements can be valuable as:

- ✓ Entry-level credentials for employment in the field of early childhood
- ✓ Demonstration of foundation of knowledge working with infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a child-related degree or credential that does not include instruction on infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a degree or credential outside the field of early childhood

Successful completion of courses can also fulfill requirements for teaching licensure renewal, annual licensing, training for the **Child Development Associate (CDA)** credential, and professional development for those participating in Virginia Quality.

Participants have two options by which to achieve an Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

OPTION 1 - VDSS SPONSORED COURSES

The Early Childhood Endorsement II requires completion of the following 12 classroom-based or online courses. Successful completion of each course provides 4 clock hours of training credit. The courses can be taken in any sequence.

- ❖ Chronic Health Conditions in Early Childhood
- ❖ Controlling Communicable Illness in the Early Childhood Classroom
- ❖ Creative, Healthy Cooking with Young Children
- ❖ Developing Healthy Habits in Young Children
- ❖ Ethics for Early Childhood Professionals
- ❖ Food Safety in the Child Care Environment
- ❖ Health Makes a Difference in Early Childhood
- ❖ Making Meal Times Fun in the Early Childhood Classroom
- ❖ Management of Injuries and Acute Illness in Early Childhood
- ❖ Nutritional Guidelines in Early Childhood
- ❖ Safety in a Quality Early Childhood Environment
- ❖ Teaching Young Children about Health, Safety and Nutrition

To achieve the Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

1. **Register** to take component courses (see list above)
To register go to: www.ccwa.vccs.edu (click on VDSS Child Care Training) or contact the Community College Workforce Alliance at (804) 523-2298 or VDSSclasses@ccwa.vccs.edu.
2. **Complete** all required courses
3. **Complete** course assessments within 4 to 6 weeks of completing the online course
 - Part I is online, through CCWA, and is multiple choice/true-false. Participants must receive a **passing score of 70% or higher on all courses.**
 - Part II is an independent study demonstrating application of content in a classroom setting
4. **Submit** the following materials to CCAVA:
 - ✓ Letter grade for Part I (a print out of your score, that includes your name clearly stated)
 - ✓ Completed written assessment for Part II (for grading)
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
 - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee for **each** course submitted for grading, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#).** Fees due with forms and assessment materials.

Make a copy of ALL materials for your own records BEFORE submitting to CCAVA

- ✓ **Mail all materials to:**
CCAVA - Endorsement Program
302 Turner Road, Suite D
Richmond, VA 23225

For additional information, contact Jodi Roberts at 804.285.0846, or email jodir@va.childcareaware.org.

OPTION 2 - COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE

Upon successful completion of EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education, individuals become eligible for the VDSS Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series.

To apply for the Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

1. **Complete** EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education. You must receive a passing grade to qualify for the endorsement.
2. **Complete** Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
3. **Submit materials to CCAVA:**
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
 - ✓ A copy of your college transcript indicating completion of the course or a Letter of Completion from your instructor.
 - ✓ \$10.00 processing fee, **check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through [PAYPAL](#)**

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series APPLICATION FORM



Please type or print clearly

Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Home Address _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
City State Zip Code

Personal E-mail Address _____

Employer _____

Employer Address _____

City State Zip Code

Choose option 1 or 2, and then complete the information in the payment box.

OPTION 1: VDSS Sponsored Courses (Indicate courses completed; check all that apply.)
There is a \$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course.

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- Controlling Communicable Illness in the Early Childhood Classroom
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- Ethics for Early Childhood Professionals
- Food Safety in the Child Care Environment
- Health Makes a Difference in Early Childhood

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OPTION 2: Completion of College Course - EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education

EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education

Please indicate which materials are included (check all that apply) and mail with application to:

\$10.00 processing fee for EACH completed course (check or money order): **payable to CCAVA OR**
\$10.00 x _____ (# of courses) = _____ Enclosed

- PAYPAL OPTION:** I have submitted payment through PAYPAL (va.childcareaware.org/endorsement-program/)
- Completed assignments and printout of letter grade for all courses checked above (**OPTION 1**)
- College Transcript or letter from instructor indicating completion of EDU 235 (**OPTION 2**)

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