

# WVDE eLearning: Early Childhood

## 2014-15 Course Schedule

### Early Childhood Pre-K/Kindergarten Teacher Assistants

#### Session One

September 3-December 16, 2014 with  
registration opening on July 1, 2014

#### Session Two

January 7-April 21, 2015 with registration  
opening on November 1, 2014

### Early Childhood Lead Teachers

**Fall Session**-October- 1-November 18, 2014  
with registration opening September 1 2014

**Winter Session**--January 7-February 25, 2015  
with registration opening December 1, 2014

**Spring Session**--March 4-April 21, 2015 with  
registration opening February 1, 2014

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/oel/elearning.php>

For more information about the Early  
Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher  
authorization please contact Rhonda Crowley  
at [rcrowley@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:rcrowley@access.k12.wv.us) or  
304.558.9994 OR Doug Cipoletti, at  
[dccipole@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:dccipole@access.k12.wv.us) or 304.558.7010.

For more information about WV Learns Early  
Childhood Online Learning opportunities  
please contact Donna Landin at  
[dlandin@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:dlandin@access.k12.wv.us) or 304.558.7880.



Early childhood educators working in West Virginia Universal Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms now have the opportunity to participate in eLearning courses specifically designed for those who serve in the field of early childhood education. Courses include Child Development, Early Childhood Special Needs Inclusion, Creating a Language Rich Environment, Early Childhood Curriculum, Early Childhood Assessment, and Family and Community Engagement.

WVDE eLearning courses are free and provide an online alternative for both lead teachers and classroom assistant teachers to meet the qualifications for the Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher Authorization (Form 41) or the Community Programs Authorization (Form 50).

# WVDE eLearning: Early Childhood

## eLearning courses require participants to understand and be able to:

Create electronic files, save electronic files, rename electronic files, locate electronic files, download electronic files and open electronic files

Use a word processing program for basic formatting

Attach files and upload documents

Copy and paste text into a document

Respond to discussion prompts/posts in appropriate formats, including the use of a subject line

Insert digital photos in to a project template (Word document)

Utilize email to send, receive and attach documents

Navigate the Internet—locate course website (<http://wvlearns.k12.w.vus>)

Download and/or update Adobe Acrobat Reader for .pdf files

Update out-of-date versions of Adobe Acrobat Reader

Download and use multiple web browsers (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox)

## Early Childhood Assistant Teacher Authorization

From SB 359—Beginning July 1, 2014, any person previously employed as an aide in a kindergarten program and who is employed in the same capacity on and after that date and any new person employed in that capacity in a kindergarten program on and after that date shall hold the position of either Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher - Temporary Authorization or Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher - Permanent Authorization. Any person employed as an aide in a kindergarten program that is eligible for full retirement benefits before July 1, 2020, may remain employed as an aide in **that** position and may not be required to acquire licensure pursuant to this section. (*Pre-K is included as per W. Va. Code 18-5-44 subsection m*)

### **Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher – Temporary Authorization**

Applicant who does not possess minimum requirements for the Permanent Authorization requirements, but is enrolled in and pursuing requirements.

### **Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher – Permanent Authorization**

Applicant who has completed the minimum requirements for a state-awarded certificate for early childhood classroom assistant teacher that meets or exceeds the requirements for a Child Development Associate (CDA). Equivalences accepted by the West Virginia Department of Education will include the West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialists (ACDS) or the WV Learns Early Childhood Online-Learning Series (3 Key Courses).

- Early Childhood Language and Literacy
- Early Childhood Special Needs Inclusion
- Early Childhood Child Development

Please keep in mind that WVDE eLearning courses provide one avenue to complete the requirements for Form 41 -Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher Authorization. The ACDS and CDA, as well as courses which are considered equivalent, are also approved pathways.

