

NWTC/Edgewood Early Childhood Education

Abstract

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) is a publicly supported, high technology college. NWTC works closely with district businesses and community members to provide residents with learning opportunities to be successful in the workplace. As Madison's only independent liberal arts college, Edgewood College welcomes students who seek a comfortable and friendly campus in a convenient location, enhanced academics and facilities, and the necessary preparation for a career and a lifetime of learning.

NWTC and Edgewood College are looking to collaborate in order to provide the highly trained Early Childhood professional that Wisconsin needs. NWTC and Edgewood will partner to provide a seamless transition of Early Childhood Education Associate Degree graduates from NWTC to a junior standing in the Early Childhood Education Bachelor's Degree program at Edgewood College. In order to ensure a seamless transition and allow access for the greatest number of students, curriculum will be articulated and the Bachelor Degree curriculum from Edgewood will be converted to an online format. This proposal will meet the state priorities of increasing the number of people in the state with bachelor degrees and improving access to higher education to diversify the workforce and meet the needs of non-traditional learners.

The long-term goal of this project will be the seamless transition of NWTC's Early Childhood Education Associate Degree students to Edgewood College's Early Childhood Education Bachelor's Degree program. In order to allow the greatest access for all learners, the program will be converted to online learning, and will fully articulate curriculum from NWTC. The first year of this project will focus on implementation planning, creating articulation agreements, and converting Edgewood Bachelor level courses to an online format.