

**EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM  
NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (LOCATION NOI)**

Program Information

Program Name: **B.A. Ed. in Early Childhood Education (no public school certification)**

Institution Name: **Central Washington University**

Degree Granting Unit: **College of Education and Professions Studies**

Degree: **B.A. Ed.** Level: **Bachelor** Type: **Arts**

Major: **Early Childhood Education (non-Teacher Certification Option)** CIP Code: 13.1210

Proposed Start Date: **Fall 2009**

Projected Enrollment (FTE) in Yr One: **10** At Full Enrollment by Yr: **3** FTE: **20**

Proposed New Funding (\$ amount): **None**

Funding Source: **State FTE**

Statement of Need: **Attached**

Mode of Delivery / Locations

Single Campus Delivery – *CWU-Yakima*

Off Site

Distance Learning (*ITV; Web*)

Other

Scheduling

\_\_\_ Day Classes       Evening Classes      \_\_\_ Weekend Classes

\_\_\_ Other (*describe*)

Attendance Options

Full-Time       Part-Time

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**Endorsement by Chief Academic Officer**

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**Date**

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### **Statement of Need**

Central Washington University (CWU) proposes to expand access of the Bachelor of Arts in Education– Early Childhood Education program (BAEd.-ECE) by offering it at the CWU- Yakima university center. Currently, the department offers this major at its Ellensburg campus. It is anticipated that the program will initially enroll 10 FTE for the 2009-2010 academic year with an increase of 10 additional FTE within the following two years. Students would complete their associate degrees from regional Community Colleges (e.g., Yakima, Columbia Basin) and then enroll into the program. The CWU College of Education and Professional Studies oversee the administration of the BAEd.-ECE Program.

**Community Need.** The BAEd.-ECE program has been requested by Yakima area constituencies, including Enterprise for Progress in the Community (EPIC) and Thrive-By-Five (of Educational Service District 105) to support the educational needs of birth – preschool educators. Additionally, individuals have requested such a program through Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC). While the continued professional development of early childhood educators is a motivating factor in the request, the Head Start Reauthorization Act (As Amended December 12, 2007, ; posted at [http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/Head%20Start%20Act/HS\\_Act\\_2007.pdf](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/Head%20Start%20Act/HS_Act_2007.pdf)) and its influence of state goals (e.g., see *Partners, Paths, and Promise: Head Start Higher Education*, Washington State Association of Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, posted at <http://www.wsaheadstarteceap.com/documents/PartnersPathsandPromisingPractice07102008.pdf>) has increased a sense of urgency. In particular, 648A(a)(2)(A) of the Head Start Reauthorization Act states that the “Secretary shall ensure that not later than September 30, 2013, at least 50 percent of Head Start teachers nationwide in center-based programs have— (i) a baccalaureate or advanced degree in early childhood education; or (ii) a baccalaureate or advanced degree and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education, with experience teaching preschool-age children.” It should be noted that Yakima has more than 18 Headstart programs in its geographical boundaries. Thus, this program has been requested in order to assist the above agencies in meeting their goal of assisting preschool teachers in earning a baccalaureate degree.

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**Employer Demand.** Because of federal mandates (see information above), Central Washington University was approached by directors of Head Start, EPIC and Thrive-by-Five programs in the Yakima area to determine if CWU could offer a BAEd.-ECE in the Yakima area for those needing a baccalaureate degree by 2013. The directors contacted employees to determine the student demand for a BAEd.-ECE program.

**Student Demand.** Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC) annually graduates approximately twenty-five students with associate degrees in early childhood education (ECE). During the Spring Quarter, 2009, the director of the Early Childhood Department at YVCC met with students enrolled in their ECE program to discuss their career goals. At the end of the session, she identified approximately 10 candidates who would enroll in the CWU BAEd.-ECE program in the fall, 2009.

Additionally, the director for EPIC training asked instructors in the EPIC program to let her know if they were interested in enrolling in a BAEd.-ECE program through CWU. She received responses from 10 who recently completed their Associate of Arts degree and are ready to begin a BAEd.-ECE program. She also identified 3-4 potential candidates with baccalaureate degrees (not in ECE) who are interested in enrolling in the program.

The director of Thrive-by-Five estimates that 11 teachers from Educare need to obtain their BAEd.-ECE with an additional 5-8 teachers from the Educational Service District 105 ready to enroll this fall. Additional potential candidates (5 since June, 2009) have contacted the CWU office at YVCC and inquired about enrolling in a CWU BAEd.-ECE program in Yakima.

Based on the interest to date, it is anticipated that 40-50 candidates may be ready to begin a CWU BAEd.-ECE program in Yakima in the Fall, 2009. With future marketing and recruiting activities, the CWU BAEd.-ECE program should easily be able to sustain 20 annual FTE.

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Form 5  
Enrollment and Graduation Targets

<b>Year</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Headcount</b>	10	15	20	20
<b>FTE</b>	10	15	20	20
<b>Program Graduates</b>	0	10	15	20