

## Alternative Credit Option for ECE 130: Emergency Care

Students may apply to receive alternative credit for ECE 130: Emergency Care if they are currently certified in each of the following:

- **CPR Certification:** Certification in infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awarded by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association.
- **First Aid Certification:** Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid awarded by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, and Emergency Medical Planning (Medic First Aid).
- **Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter Training (MCART) Certification**
- **Universal Precautions (UP) Certification** (also referred to as Blood-Borne Pathogens or Standard Precautions)

**Important Note:** to be considered a “current certification” it must be valid for the entire semester in which the student is applying:

### If the student is applying in the ...

- Fall Term
- Spring Term
- Summer Term

### Each certification must be valid until...

December  
May  
August

If you currently hold all of the above certifications and would like to pursue the alternative credit option, please complete the following steps:

1. Complete the *Application for Alternative Credit (ES 4544-1)*. When completing this application, the student should select the “student requesting alternative credit for external certification/licensure” option.
2. Complete the *Application for Alternative Credit Through External Certification/Licensure (ES 4544-5)*.
3. Make copies of your current training certificates for CPR, First Aid, MCART, and UP.
4. Enclose a check for \$25 administrative fee (check should be made payable to DMACC).
5. Send all of the above to:

Katie Champlin  
Program Chair, Early Childhood Education  
Des Moines Area Community College  
2006 S. Ankeny Blvd. – Building 9  
Ankeny, Iowa 50023-3993

### Other Important Notes:

- To be eligible for the alternative credit process, the student’s certifications must have been completed no more than two years from the date of submission of the application for alternative credit.
- A minimum of 12 credits must be earned at DMACC before alternative credit will be applied to the student’s academic record.
- The student will be assessed an administrative fee of \$25 (noted above) plus one half of the tuition per credit.
- Alternative credit requests cannot be made to replace a failing grade if the student has previously taken ECE 130.
- Credits earned through this procedure are subject to the receiving institution’s transfer credit policies and procedures. It is not guaranteed that all post-secondary institutions will recognize these credits.