



# OLYMPIC COLLEGE

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## Early Childhood Education

Early childhood students are asked to maintain the same professional standards as early childhood teachers, staff and other educators. Our code of ethical conduct commits us to act in the best interests of children, families, colleagues, and community.

### **PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE ETHICS STATEMENT BELOW.**

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1. I agree to avoid talking about any given child when other children are present.
2. I respect the rights, ethnic background, and values of the families in the Center (where I observe, participate and work) even when their values are different than my own.
3. I promise to take great care and caution to discuss observation and participation only within the professional parameters of the ECE course I am enrolled in, with the lead professional staff of the campus child care program, or the other ECE program I am involved in.
4. I will always consider my observation data and participation experiences to be privileged professional information which has no place in casual conversations on campus with other students, staff, or off campus with family and friends.
5. Any concerns will be immediately discussed with a supervisor and/or my course instructor.
6. I am mindful of my professional reporting responsibilities to Child Protective Services regarding suspected child abuse and neglect.

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATED** \_\_\_\_\_

VIOLATION OF THIS CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IS GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE CAMPUS CHILDCARE PROGRAM OR A FAILING GRADE IN THE PERTINENT ECE COURSE. IT APPLIES TO PARENT PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS, AS WELL AS STUDENT PARTICIPANTS AND STUDENT STAFF.