



CAREER PATHWAY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES

Dual or Tech/Career Seal

People with careers in Early Childhood Development and Services nurture and teach children. They provide services in childcare centers, nursery schools, preschools, public schools, private households, family childcare homes and before- and after- school programs.

Major Courses

Students must take **THREE** pathway concentration courses and **ONE** additional pathway elective course.

Pathway Concentration Courses (3):

- Contemporary Issues in Education (formerly Teaching as a Profession)
- Examining the Teaching Profession (formerly Introduction to Teaching)
- Foundations of Family & Consumer Science
- Health, Safety & Nutrition for the Young Child (formerly Early Childhood Education II)
- Human Growth & Development for Early Childhood
- Introduction to Early Childhood Care & Education (formerly Early Childhood Education I)

Pathway Elective Courses (1):

- Apprenticeship/Internship
- Entrepreneurship: Building a Business (formerly Entrepreneurship)
- Food, Nutrition & Wellness (formerly Nutrition and Wellness)
- Introduction to Healthcare Science
- Other Pathway Concentration Course

Other Recommended Courses

- Computer Applications
- Dramatic Arts
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Marketing Principles
- Modern Language
- Music Appreciation
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Visual Arts

Post-Secondary Degrees, Diplomas, & Certificates

Technical Colleges

- Child Development Associate I
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Early Childhood Program Administrator
- Infant and Toddler Childcare Specialist

Colleges/Universities

- Education - Counseling/Guidance
- Education - Curriculum Instruction
- Education - Elementary



Director, Childcare Facility
Assistant Director, Childcare Facility
Preschool/Elementary Teacher

Elementary School Counselor
Teacher's Assistant
Childcare Worker

Childcare Assistant
Nanny
Parent Educator

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EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Early Childhood Development and Services employees hold about 1.2 million jobs. Employment is projected to increase for all occupations through the year 2010. A high turnover rate should create many job opportunities for childcare workers. About two out of five childcare workers are self-employed. Pay depends on the educational attainment of the worker and the type of establishment.