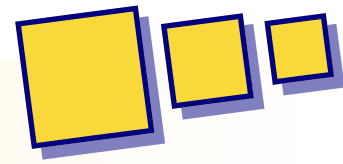


Early Childhood Education



About the Course

Early Childhood Education prepares students for employment in early childhood education and services. The course also provides a foundation for advanced study leading to post-secondary education and careers in related fields. The course addresses child care and development issues that include guiding the physical, intellectual, social and psychological development of children. But most of all, it is fun!

What students will learn...

Basic Topics

- ◆ Types of Early Childhood programs
- ◆ Observing Children
- ◆ Understanding children from birth to middle childhood
- ◆ Child safety
- ◆ CPR and First Aid
- ◆ Nutritious snacks and meals
- ◆ Guidance skills
- ◆ Handling daily routines

Advanced Topics

- ◆ Curriculum
- ◆ Art, block building and sensory experiences
- ◆ Storytelling
- ◆ Play and Puppetry
- ◆ Music and Movement
- ◆ Manuscript writing
- ◆ Math experiences
- ◆ Science and Social studies experiences
- ◆ Guiding children with



Children—Children— EVERYWHERE!

Early Childhood Education is a two part course. The first portion is spent in a traditional classroom setting. The second portion of the course is spent in the on-site child development center practicing acquired skills with children ranging in ages from two months to four years old. Young children learn through play. Therefore, a majority of the course involves playing with the children to increase their learning.



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Prerequisites

- ◆ This course is open to all high school students in the 10th grade and above unless pregnant or a parent. Students must have earned one credit in Mathematics and one credit in English.

Helpful Courses

- ◆ Foundations of Family and Consumer Science

Completion Incentives

- ◆ Provide valuable skills in dealing with young children
- ◆ Learn life skills for understanding oneself and others
- ◆ CPR and First Aid certification
- ◆ Possible articulated credit with Technical Colleges

Personal Characteristics

- ◆ Patience and creativity
- ◆ Ability to nurture, motivate, teach and influence
- ◆ Leadership and organizational skills
- ◆ Good communication skills
- ◆ Willingness to Learn
- ◆ Good interpersonal skills

Salary Information

The following are estimated median averages

In the Atlanta, Georgia area:

Child Day Care Worker	\$19,783
Teacher's Assistant	\$16,679
Pre-School Teacher	\$21,874
Kindergarten Teacher	\$43,844
Elementary Teacher	\$43,767

Work Based Opportunities

The purpose of Early Childhood Education is to prepare the student to work with young children. This component builds upon previous levels challenging the student to integrate what has been learned. Students are encouraged to:

- ◆ Visit potential employers
- ◆ Job shadow
- ◆ Participate in Youth Apprenticeship opportunities.
- ◆ Work in a child-centered environment

Career Opportunities

- ◆ Daycare worker/Director
- ◆ Camp counselor
- ◆ Coach
- ◆ Youth leader
- ◆ Teacher's assistant
- ◆ Early Childhood teacher
- ◆ Any career that deals directly or indirectly with children

Co-Curricular School Activities

- ◆ SkillsUSA-VICA :
A co-curricular school club which provides students with the added benefit of gaining work place skills in the areas of leadership, networking, and skill demonstration though regional, state and national level competitions.

- ◆ Student dues \$13.50



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