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THE CAREER

Early child care workers and educators nurture and care for children ranging from newborns to age eight. They also supervise older children before and after school, playing an important role in their development by caring for them when parents are at work or away for other reasons.

Besides attending to children's basic needs, these professionals also organize activities and implement curricula that stimulate children's physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth. Early child care workers and educators help children explore individual interests, develop talents and independence, build self-esteem and learn how to get along with others. With sufficient experience, training and education, they are also often the directors of child care centers.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Early child care professionals should:

- Provide fair, but firm guidance
- Anticipate and prevent problems
- Be enthusiastic and constantly alert
- Communicate effectively with the children and their parents, as well as with teachers and other child care professionals
- Be mature, patient, understanding, articulate, energetic and have physical stamina

EMPLOYMENT & SALARY INFORMATION

In May 2014, median annual earnings of early child care workers were \$19,730 per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Salaries for these professionals ranged from less than \$16,570 (lowest 10 percent) to more than \$30,080 (highest 10 percent).

In 2014, the average annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of early child care professionals were:

Elementary & Secondary School....	\$24,350
Child Day Care Services.....	\$20,270
Other Child Care Organizations.....	\$20,310

THE PROGRAM

The ECC Child Development Certificate of Specialization program is designed for students working toward their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The 18-hour program includes coursework in general education, plus a specialized curriculum sequence in child development, educational strategies and practicum experience.

Students use state-of-the-art equipment and are instructed by experienced, qualified faculty who have worked in the field. Those who complete the program can have their coursework applied to their CDA requirements, and are prepared to obtain positions in child development and early childhood education. Moreover, employers know that ECC graduates are well-trained and dependable.

Students may take all early childhood program coursework online (classes with the ED prefix). This may not be possible, however, for all general education curriculum. East Central College also offers a related Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Development.

Please note: this certificate program is not Title IV eligible.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some courses require minimum placement results)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)
25-2011

Dual Credit Students

Tuition and Required Fees
\$710

Post Secondary Students

Tuition and Required Fees
\$1,760 (In-District)
\$2,390 (Out-of-District)

Books and Supplies
\$500

CHILD DEVELOPEMENT

CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

CERTIFICATE COURSEWORK

COURSE	HOURS
ED 1053 Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ED 1153 Child Health, Nutrition, and Safety	3
ED 1253 Child Development *	3
ED 1303 CDA Capstone-Childcare Practicum	3
General Education Requirement **	6
Total Hours	18

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OPTIONS

Students enrolled in the Certificate of Specialization program must take two classes or a minimum of six credit hours of general education college-level coursework from the following disciplines:

Communication
English
History
Mathematics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

+ The Certificate of Specialization is not Title IV eligible.

TO CONVERT THE CERTIFICATE INTO AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE STUDENTS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EM 1000 Pediatric First Aid/CPR	0
MT 1313 Real Number System	3
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
CT 1003 Oral Communications or CT 1103 Public Speaking	3
EN 1333 English Comp II or EN 1343 Honors English Comp II	3
PY 1103 General Psychology	3
ED 1273 Observation and Assessment*	3
ED 1283 Technology for Early Childhood *	3
ED 2023 Emerging Language & Literacy *	3
EN 2033 Literature for Children	3
ED 2013 Infant & Toddler Curriculum and Field Experience	3
ED 2093 Preschool Curriculum and Field Experience *	3
ED 2113 Organization & Administration of Early Childhood Programs*	3
PS 1000/ PS or HI Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
PE Requirement	1
ED 2073 Family, School & Community *	3
ED 2053 Early Childhood Development Practicum *	3
ED 2153 Children with Special Needs *	3
Science Requirement Lecture	3
ED 2193 Professionalism in Early Childhood Education *	3
Total Hours	56

* Grade must be "C" or better in this class in order to graduate.