

### **East Central College**

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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.

## 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

Tuition and Required Fees  
\$4,257 (In-District)

\$5,762 (Out-of-District)

Books and Supplies  
\$2,240

Other Fees and Expenses  
\$75

East Central College is accredited by the Higher  
Learning Commission and a participant in the  
Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Certificate of Achievement Program (40 credit hours)

### CERTIFICATE COURSEWORK

#### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation or FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
ED 1053 Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3
ED 1153 Child Health, Nutrition and Safety	3
ED 1073 Family, School & Community	3
EM 1000 Pediatric First Aid/CPR	0

#### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
CT 1003 Oral Communications or CT 1103 Public Speaking (preferred)	3
PY 1103 General Psychology	3
ED 1253 Child Development*	3
ED 1163 Speech and Language Development of the Normal and Exceptional Child	3

#### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
ED 2133 Literature for Children	3
ED 2093 Preschool Curriculum and Field Experience or ED 2013 Infant & Toddler Curriculum and Field Exp.*	3
ED 1303 CDA Capstone-Childcare Practicum	3
SO 2203 Marriage and Family	3
ED 2083 The Nature of Language	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>40</b>

#### TO CONVERT THIS CERTIFICATE INTO AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE, STUDENTS WILL NEED:

COURSE	HOURS
MT 1303 Intermediate Algebra or MT 1403 College Algebra	3
ED 2093 Preschool Curriculum and Field Experience or ED 2013 Infant & Toddler Curriculum and Field Exp.* (opposite of the course that was taken with Certificate)	3
ED 2053 Early Childhood Development Practicum *	3
ED 2153 Children with Special Needs* or ED 2143 Education for Exceptional Learners	3
PY 2403 Human Development	3
HI 1000 Constitutions Study Module PS 1000	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Science Requirement Lecture	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>21</b>

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