



Wayne  
County  
Community  
College  
District

# Early Childhood Education

## PAY

The median annual wage for preschool teachers was \$30,520 in May 2019.

## JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of preschool teachers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2018 to 2028, faster than average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to a continued focus on the importance of early childhood education and the growing population of children ages 3 to 5. Employment of 36,900 childcare workers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to increases in the number of children who require childcare and continued demand for preschool programs.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, April 2020, Preschool Teachers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/preschool-teachers.htm>*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, April 2020, Childcare Workers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/childcare-workers.htm>*



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Early Childhood Education Program offers a Short-Term Certificate as a Child Development Associate (CDA) and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education. The program prepares students to work as child care administrators, teachers, and caregivers in early childhood settings. The CDA Training program is designed for the childcare worker wishing to become a Child Development Associate (CDA).

The CDA Credential is independently awarded by the National Council for Professional Recognition to those demonstrating competence in their work with children in early education and childcare programs.

The Child Development Associate (CDA) focuses on child development methods and strategies to motivate learning in the five developmental areas. Graduates become responsible for the care and education of children up to five years old by creating and maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment, guiding behavior, planning curricula, implementing learning activities, and working cooperatively with staff and parents.

*\*Selected WCCCD courses will transfer to some colleges and universities to meet requirements for an Elementary Education Certification—Early Childhood Endorsement. (See a counselor or academic advisor for more information)*



## WHAT DO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE WORKERS DO?

Childcare workers care for children when parents and other family members are unavailable. They care for children's basic needs, such as bathing and feeding. In addition, some help children prepare for kindergarten, and many help older children with homework.

## WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Childcare workers care for children in childcare centers, their own home, or the homes of the children in their care. Preschool teachers work in public and private schools, childcare centers, and charitable organizations. Many work the traditional 10-month school year, but some work the full year.

## Recommended Sequence of Courses

### Early Childhood Education (CDA):

#### Short-Term Certificate

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		
EMT 101	First Aid	.2+
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	.3
ECE 120	Building Family and Community Relationships	.3
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.8+</b>

#### **SEMESTER 2**

ECE 104	Methods and Techniques in Child Care: Infant and Toddler Development -Field Experience I	.3
—OR—		
ECE 106	Methods and Techniques Preschool Development-Field Experience II	.3
ECE 210	Special Populations	.3
ECE 111	Child Assessment Techniques	.3
ECE 260	Professionalism for Early Childhood Educators	.3

**SEMESTER TOTAL** .....12+

**CERTIFICATE TOTAL** .....20+

*Note: Certificate total hours may not include prerequisites.*

*+: Student may be eligible for course substitution. See the Campus Chief Academic Officer for more information.*

### Early Childhood Education (CDA):

#### Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Care	.3
EMT 101	First Aid	.2
ENG 119	English I	.3
HUS 135	Professionalism in Human Services	.3
PSY 101	Introductory Psychology	.3
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.14</b>

#### **SEMESTER 2**

ENG 120	English II	.3
ECE 104	Methods and Techniques in Child Care: Infant and Toddler Development – Field Experience I	.3
ECE 106	Methods and Techniques Preschool Development – Field Experience II	.3
ECE 111	Child Assessment Techniques	.3
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.12</b>

#### **SEMESTER 3**

ENG 285	Children's Literature	.3
ECE 120	Building Family and Community Relationships	.3
ECE 210	Special Populations	.3
PS 101	American Government	.3
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.12</b>

#### **SEMESTER 4**

SPH 105	Improving the Speaking Voice	.3
SOC 230	Ethnic Minorities	.3
ECE 157	Child Care Practicum I	.3
ECE 230	Program Management and Supervision	.3
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.12</b>

#### **SEMESTER 5**

ECE 227	Child Care Practicum II	.3
ECE 257	Infant Literature; Birth to 36 months	.3
ECE 260	Professionalism for Early Childhood Educators	.3
Elective:	with Lab	.4
<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>		<b>.13</b>

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**A.A.S. PROGRAM TOTAL** .....63

*Note: Program total hours may not include prerequisites.*

*Students can only select one practicum course per semester except ECE 104 and ECE 106.*