

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

2023-2024



**Early Childhood Education** provides students with hands-on experience working with children from birth to school age where they gain knowledge of teaching strategies, developmentally appropriate practice, and state content standards. Students participate in actual field experiences in our on-campus early learning center, local child care centers, special education facilities, and elementary classrooms.

**Program Highlights:**

- Experience the excitement of working with preschoolers and infants in an onsite, state licensed early learning center while earning CDA certification
- Influence the future of children by shaping their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development through dynamic teaching strategies
- Create, research and provide developmentally appropriate learning materials and activities for children from birth to 5-year-olds



**The Program Focuses on the Following State Approved Courses:**

- Infant and Toddler Education
- Early Childhood Education Principles
- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Early Childhood Education Language and Literacy

**COST-FREE COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

**College Credit Plus through Owens Community College**

- ECE 104: Emergent Literacy (3 Credit Hours)
- ECE 106: Assessment & Observation in Ed (3 Credit Hours)
- ECE 109: Play, Learning & Environment (3 Credit Hours)
- EDU 101: Early Childhood Education (3 Credit Hours)

**Career Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)**

- CTECE001: Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 Credit Hours)
- CTECE002: Health, Safety and Nutrition (3 Credit Hours)
- CTECE003: Infant and Toddler Curriculum (3 Credit Hours)

**Articulated Credits through Athena Career Academy – Up to 24 Credit Hours**

**Articulated Credits through Hocking College – 2 Credit Hours**

**Industry-Recognized Certifications – Recognized by Owens Community College**

- Council for Professional Recognition – Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)
  - ECE 100: Intro to Early Childhood Education (3 Credit Hours)
  - ECE 216: Child and Youth Health (2 Credit Hours)

**INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS (POINT VALUES)**

- Council for Professional Recognition – Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) (12 Points)
- CPR First Aid (1 Point)
- Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention (1 Point)
- Communicable Disease Prevention (1 Point)
- ParaPro (6 Points)
- ServSafe-Allergens (1 Point)
- ServSafe-Food Handler (1 Point)
- Ohio Driver's License (1 Point)

**OHIO MEANS JOBS OCCUPATIONS LISTED ACCORDING TO TYPICAL SALARY**

OCCUPATION TITLE	TYPICAL SALARY- BOTTOM 10%	TYPICAL SALARY- MEDIAN	TYPICAL SALARY- TOP 10%	TYPICAL EDUCATION	ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS
Childcare Workers*	\$21,390	\$27,340	\$36,780	HS Diploma or Equivalent	4,040
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education*	\$23,210	\$29,050	\$41,290	Associate's Degree	1,820
Education and Childcare Administrators, Preschool and Daycare*	\$36,380	\$48,060	\$81,830	Bachelor's Degree	170
Child, Family, and School Social Workers*	\$36,440	\$46,930	\$63,540	Bachelor's Degree	1,160
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education*	\$33,920	\$58,380	\$85,070	Bachelor's Degree	310
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education*	\$39,050	\$64,450	\$99,910	Bachelor's Degree	4,030
Special Education Teachers, Preschool*	\$39,480	\$60,950	\$96,450	Bachelor's Degree	1,900

**JOB OUTLOOK COMPILED BY OHIO MEANS JOBS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2022; VISIT OHIOMEANSJOBS.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

\*Denotes an In-Demand Occupation in the State of Ohio

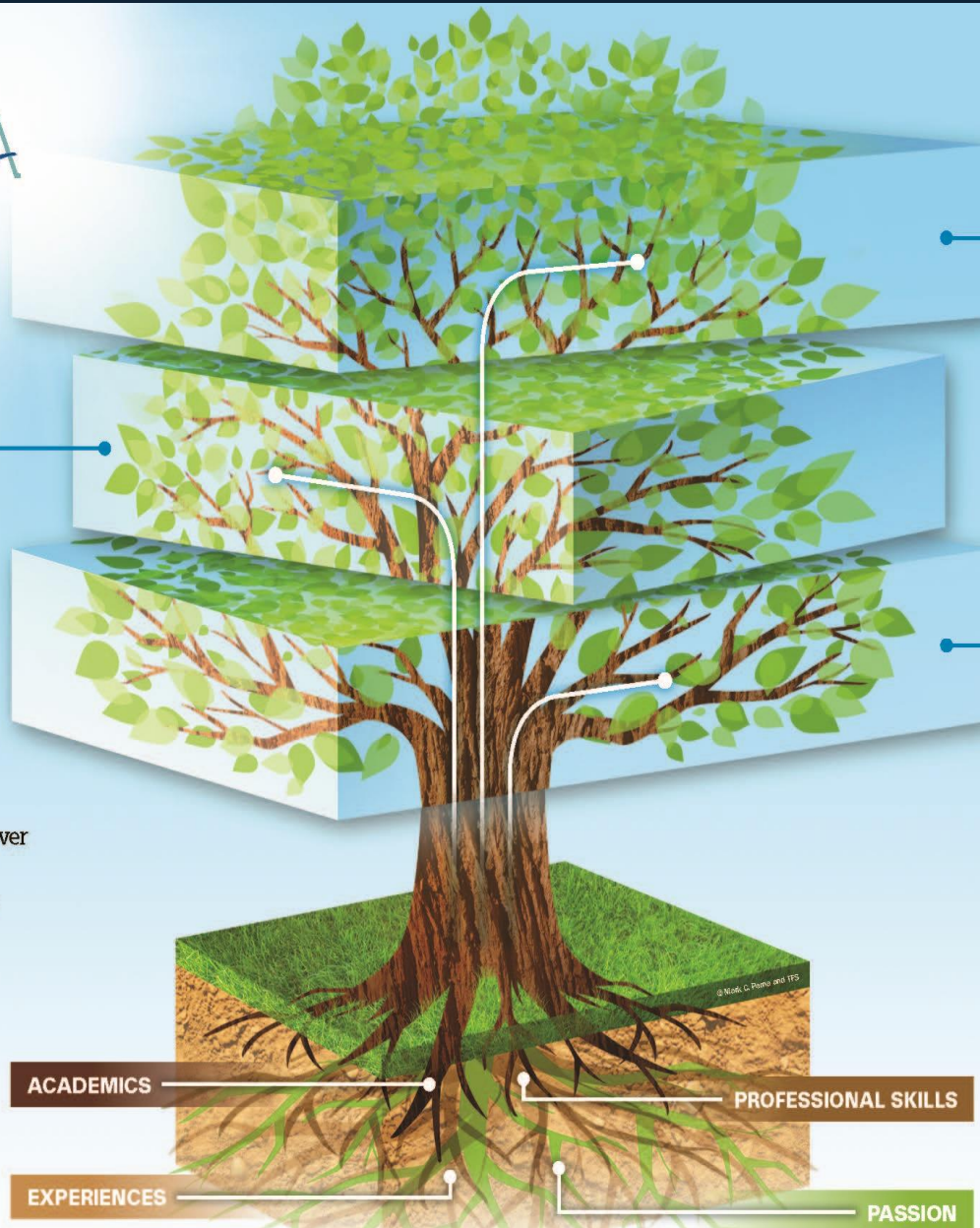
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**TECHNICAL CAREERS**

- Childcare Center Teacher
- Community-Based Family Program Coordinator
- Early Intervention Program Aide
- Pediatric Office Assistant
- Pre-K Assistant Teacher
- Recreation Department Director
- Social Services Aide
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Supervised Visitation Observer
- K-3 Teacher Assistant
- Licensed Family Child Care Provider
- Child Development Paraprofessional



**PROFESSIONAL CAREERS**

- Child Life Specialist
- K-3 Elementary Teacher
- School Counselor
- Early Childhood Curriculum Specialist
- Social Services Case Worker
- 4-H Extension Educator
- Childcare Licensing Specialist
- Child Psychologist
- Head Start Administrator
- Infant/Child Mental Health Specialist
- Special Education Teacher
- Pediatric Medicine Specialist

**ENTRY-LEVEL CAREERS**

- Job Coach
- Youth Development Leader
- School-Age Program Employee
- Children's Entertainer
- Sports Instructor/Coach
- Nanny
- Child Care Assistant Teacher
- Parent Educator
- Party Planner
- Children's Museum Tour Guide
- Camp Counselor
- After-School Program Aide

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