

Education and Training Career Cluster

The Education and Training Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing education and training services and related learning support services. All parts of courses are designed to introduce learners to the various careers available within the Education and Training career cluster.

Early Learning



The Early Learning program of study focuses on early childhood education, which consists of instructing and supporting preschool students in activities that promote social, physical and intellectual growth as well as in basic elements of science, art, music, and literature. This program of study introduces CTE learners to tasks necessary for planning, directing, and coordinating activities for young children.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Education and Training

Level 2

- Child Development
- Child Development Associate Foundations

Level 3

- Child Guidance ¹

Level 4

- Practicum in Early Learning ²



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Kindergarten/Preschool Education and Training
- Psychology/Sociology

Bachelor's Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Early Childhood
- Psychology/Sociology

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Educational, Instructional, and Curriculum Supervision
- Educational Leadership and Administration

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Participate in the Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Volunteer as a teaching assistant
- Work in a daycare facility

Industry-Based Certifications

- Early Childhood Education and Care – Basic ¹
- Educational Aide 1 ²



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Kindergarten Teachers, except Special Education	\$59,200	2,700	14%
Preschool Teachers	\$37,000	4,200	26%
Elementary School Teachers	\$59,200	11,700	13%
Education Administrators, Elementary	\$88,700	2,700	14%

Successful completion of the Early Learning program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – January 2023

Early Learning Course Information

Level 1

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Principles of Education and Training	13014200 (1 credit)	None	9

Level 2

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Child Development	13024700 (1 credit)	None	10
Child Development Associate Foundations	N1300500 (1 credit)	Principles of Education or Child Development	10

Level 3

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Child Guidance	13024800 (2 credits)	Child Development & Child Development Associate Foundations	11

Level 4

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES	GRADE LEVEL(S)
Practicum in Early Learning	13014520 (2 credits)	Child Guidance	12

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