

# Early Education and Care

## CAREER FOCUS

Prepare for  
immediate  
employment and  
further education



## BENEFITS

Internships  
Certification  
College Credit  
Training  
(OSHA, First Aid, CPR)

Experience the joy of creating fun and amazing activities for children who are full of life and love learning. Influence the future of children by shaping their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development.

## Did You Know?

- *According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of preschool teachers is projected to grow faster than average for all occupations through 2026.*



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# Program Description

The Early Education and Care Program at ORRHS will...

- Prepare you for a gratifying career working with young children. The curriculum is designed to instruct students in the development of children from infancy through age eight
- Teach you how to maintain a safe and nurturing environment and plan developmentally appropriate activities that are aligned with the Massachusetts Early Learning Guidelines and by participating in our on-site laboratory child care center along with junior and senior year community internships
- Assist you as you explore the career ladder of early childhood education and become familiar with the education requirements for various job opportunities



# Course Sequence

## Chapter 74

### Freshman Year:

- Introduction to Child Growth and Development
- Introduction to Early Childhood Education Programs
- Workplace Ethics and Professionalism
- Guiding Children's Health and Safety
- Behavior Management
- Exploring the Role of the Early Childhood Teacher

### Sophomore Year:

- Child Growth and Development (birth to age eight)
- Maintaining a Safe Environment for Children
- Developing Interpersonal Skills to Work with Children
- Planning Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum
- On-Site Laboratory Child Care Center
- OSHA 10 Certification / First Aid / CPR

### Junior Year:

- Investigate Early Childhood Career Opportunities
- Develop Positive Guidance Techniques
- Plan and Implement Developmentally Appropriate Children's Curriculum
- Basics of Child Care Administration
- On-site Laboratory Child Care Center
- Participation in Community Based Early Childhood Internships

### Senior Year:

- Participate in Cooperative Education Program
- Participation in Community Based Early Childhood Internship
- Accreditation and Licensing for Child Care



# College and Career Opportunities

- Students interested in working with children, teaching, nursing or social work
- Students can gain college credits from Bristol Community College at no cost (\$300 - \$500)
- Department of Early Childhood Education Teacher Certification
- Department of Early Childhood Education College Scholarship Program up to \$4500 per semester

# Career Opportunities in Early Childhood Education and Child Development

Child Care Center Director

Elementary School Teacher

Infant/Toddler Teacher

Preschool Teacher

Before/After School Program Director

Family Counselor

Guidance Counselor

Occupational Therapist

Physical Therapist

Recreational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

School Psychologist

Social Worker

Special Education Teacher

Child Advocate

Home Visitor

Au Pair / Nanny

Family Lawyer

# Other Career Opportunities

The field of early childhood also offers the ability to run your own business as an **entrepreneur** such as . . .

- Family Child Care Provider
- Consultants
- Store owners
- Designers of children's products
- Entertainers
- Children's author / illustrator
- Software Designer

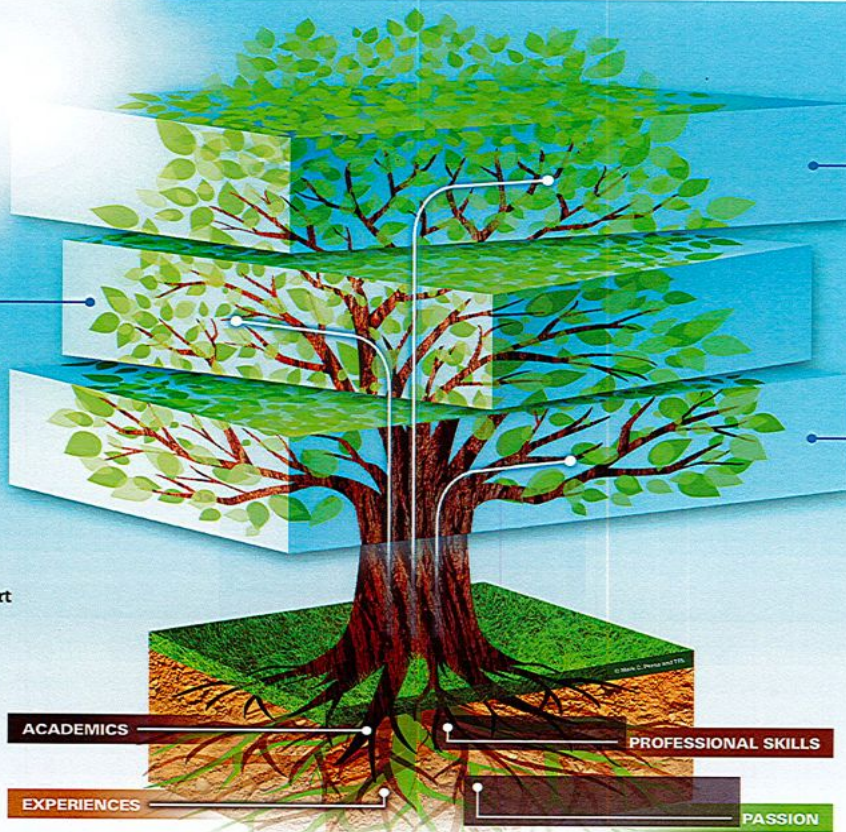


# CAREER TREE



## TECHNICAL CAREERS

- Director/Lead Teacher/  
Family Childcare Provider
- Parent Educator/Advocate
- Education Trainer
- Paraprofessional
- Licensing Specialist  
for EEC
- Children's Products  
Designer
- Playground Designer
- Recreation Director
- Instructor: Dance, Music, Art



## PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

- State Licensed Classroom  
Teacher
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Social Worker/Counselor
- Educational Consultant
- Early Education Researcher/  
Professor
- Children's Librarian
- Pediatric Specialist: Doctor,  
Nurse, Dentist, Therapist
- Editor of Children's Books  
and Magazines

## ENTRY-LEVEL CAREERS

- EEC Toddler/Preschool Teacher
- Event/Party Planner
- Entertainer/Puppeteer/  
Magician
- Nanny/Au Pair
- Children's Products  
Salesperson
- Author/Illustrator
- Photographer/Artist

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*any questions?*



## Working with Children

Early childhood programs are available at a variety of settings.

- **Boys and Girls Clubs**
- **agencies and professional organizations**
- **hospitals, hospices, shelters**
- **libraries**
- **zoos, gardens, nature centers**
- **cruise ships, malls, fitness centers**
- **before- and after-school care**
- **intergenerational care centers**
- **preschools and kindergartens**
- **children's museums**
- **summer camps and recreation programs**
- **school health center**
- **state education boards**
- **U.S. military bases**

# Education and Training Needed to Work with Young Children

Education and Training	Jobs
High school education	Teacher aid Playground supervisor
Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, plus postsecondary education	Early childhood teacher
Bachelor's degree	Director of child care program
Graduate degree	Consultant Researcher Early childhood instructor Professor