

# Early Childhood Education



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Skills recommended to be successful in this career pathway:

## EDUCATION & TRAINING CAREER CLUSTER

### ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Oral communication
- Visual acuity/depth perception
- Written communication
- Perceptual speed/clerical & auditory perception
- Physical strength/mobility
- Reasoning skills/mechanical aptitude
- Safety awareness
- Eye/hand/arm coordination/manual dexterity

### ACADEMIC SKILLS



#### APPLIED MATHEMATICS

- Use/teach mathematical principles, including shapes
- Create/monitor budgets
- Measure lengths, volumes, weights and time



#### WORKPLACE DOCUMENTS

- Read/understand Ohio Learning Standards
- Write lesson plans
- Document child development and behavior



#### GRAPHIC LITERACY

- Create graphic learning lessons
- Read/use product labeling
- Interpret graphic learning reports

### DID YOU KNOW STUDENTS IN THIS PROGRAM...

- \* Create and maintain a safe learning environment for young children
- \* Routinely self-reflect about teaching practice
- \* Work toward and earn Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
- \* Adapt quickly to changing situations
- \* Learn about social, emotional, physical and intellectual child development
- \* Interact with children in a compassionate and empathetic manner
- \* Remain calm in high-stress situations
- \* Work in a fast-paced environment that requires attention to detail
- \* Use culturally-competent communication skills with children and families



### COURSES



**YEAR 1**

- Health Safety and Nutrition
- Curriculum and Instruction for Early Childhood Education



**YEAR 2**

- Early Childhood Education Principles
- Early Childhood Education Observation and Assessment



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## IS THIS YOU?



Find your work personality type with this free assessment at [truity.com](http://truity.com):



Holland's Model of Occupational Themes – graphic courtesy of the University of Tennessee.

## Social | Artistic

Social personality types are “helpers;” they are friendly, outgoing, thoughtful, generous, empathetic and natural born helpers. They like to make a valuable impact on the lives of others. They are drawn to others with a desire to connect and seek close relationships. They value cooperation and cohesion. Helpers with a secondary personality type of “artistic” like to help people, but they also like a career with creativity.

### Key strengths that lead to success in this career path

- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Self-control
- ✓ Dependability
- ✓ Concern for others
- ✓ Adaptability/flexibility
- ✓ Cooperation

## WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Job shadowing
- ▶ Job placement
- ▶ Field experience
- ▶ College visits
- ▶ Field trips to high quality learning programs
- ▶ Professional training

## COLLEGE & CAREER READY

### Career Credentials

- Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Parapro
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Communicable Disease Prevention for Childcare Professionals
- Pediatric/adult CPR, AED, First Aid



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## CAREER PATHWAYS

After earning credentials, get more education and experience to

- ▶▶ Preschool assistant
- ▶▶ Preschool teacher
- ▶▶ Early childhood center director
- ▶▶ Childcare provider
- ▶▶ Elementary teacher
- ▶▶ Social worker
- ▶▶ Child psychologist
- ▶▶ Intervention specialist



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Entry-level pay range in Ohio

**\$11 - 23**  
per hour



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