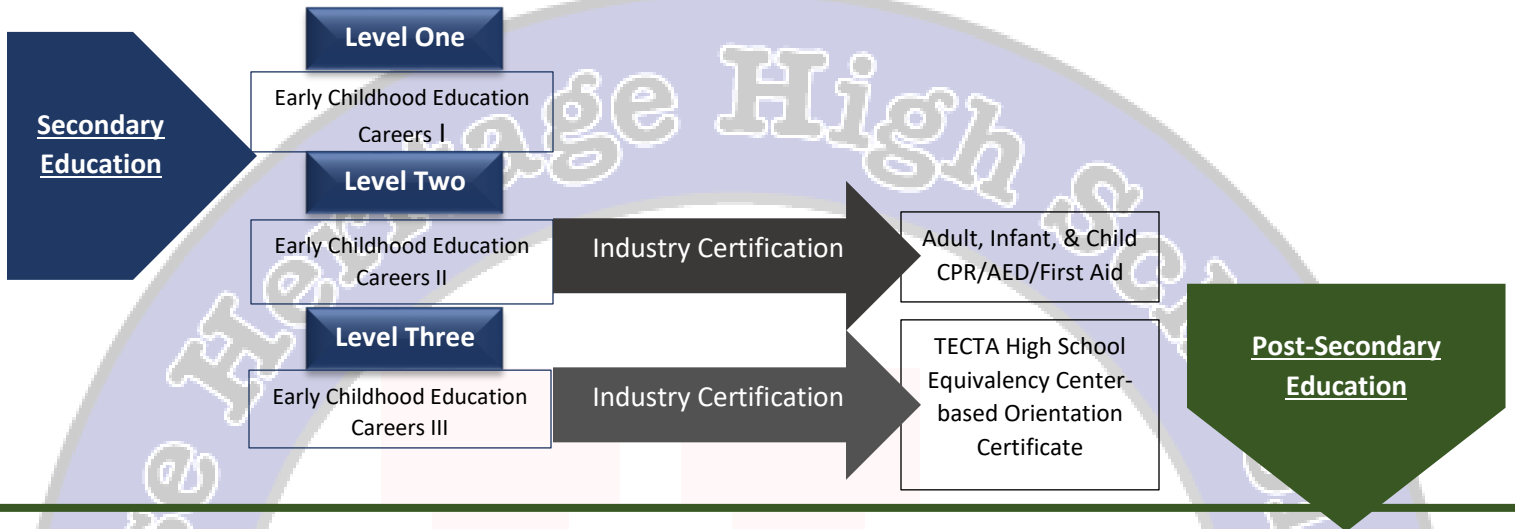


Early Childhood Education Careers (Pre-K-4)

Career Pathway

Education and Training



College Ready Whether students are wanting to obtain a **certificate** or a **bachelor's**, or **master's** degree

- **Austin Peay State University** – Education
- **Middle Tennessee State University** – Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education(K-5)
- **Tennessee State University** – Early Childhood Education (PreK-3)
- **Tennessee Technological University** – Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Practitioner
- **Tennessee College of Applied Technology** – Early Childhood Education (CDA, Teacher Assistant, Child Care Leader)
- **University of Tennessee** – Early Childhood Education

Career Opportunities

JOB OUTLOOK

According to the bureau of Labor Statistics, United States jobs related to education and training are expected to increase at a rate of 5 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. Student enrollment is projected to increase; therefore preschool and elementary school teachers will be needed to meet the demand. During this time, about 441,000 new jobs will need to be filled.

OCCUPATION PROFILE

Preschool teachers educate and care for children younger than age 5 who have not yet entered kindergarten. They teach language, motor, and social skills to young children. Preschool teachers typically work in public and private schools or childcare centers. Many work the traditional 10-month school year, but some work year-round. Education and training requirements vary based on settings and state regulations. Preschool teachers typically need at least an associate's degree.

