



Find **big** rewards in a **small** world.



Prepare yourself with the skills you need for a future in teaching. Gain hands-on experience as a student teacher in our on-site preschool. Earn work experience in community-based Early Childhood programs as you work toward your Child Development Associate Credential. College credits are offered through this exciting technical education program.

Advanced college/trade school credit is available to qualifying students from the following institutions:



COURSE TITLE: **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to prepare students for careers as teachers or child care providers in early childhood education. The study of child development is included by direct hands-on work experience with children in our on-site preschool.

A second year option is available which prepares students to work toward the Child Development Associate (CDA), a nationally recognized credential that will qualify candidates to meet all state licensing requirements to work as a child care professional in any early childhood program in the United States. Students in the second year program participate in community-based internships to explore varied educational settings and student groups.

COURSE CONTENT – Year 1

Career Planning and Preparation
Observation and Assessment
Child Development Principles and Theories
Understanding Children from ages 2–5
Guidance Techniques
Creating a Safe and Healthful Environment
Curriculum Planning
Learning Experiences for Children
Guiding Children with Special Needs

CLINICAL LAB PRACTICE – Year 1

Students participate as teachers-in-training in an on-site preschool laboratory, working with children 3 to 5 years old. Students work in teaching teams with a rotation of job assignments and positions.

COURSE CONTENT – Year 2

Community-Based Work Experience
Classroom Management and Supervision
Program Management
Parent/Teacher/Community Relations
First Aid/Pediatric CPR Certification
CDA Credential Preparation

CLINICAL LAB PRACTICE – Year 2

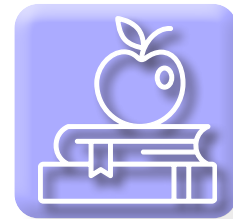
Students serve in the lead teacher role in the on-site preschool laboratory, as well as participating in community-based field placements in their choice of settings including infant/toddler or preschool, daycare, Head Start and special education preschool.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Degree
Baccalaureate Degree

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery Schools
Recreation Facilities
Elementary Schools
Group Day Care Centers
Special Education Facilities
Family Home Day Care Provider
Community Service Agencies
Youth Centers



SUGGESTED SUPPORTIVE COURSES

Human Development, Food and Nutrition, Parenting, and Child Psychology

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COSTS **First year:**
Smock \$25; portfolio box \$15; notebook \$5; misc. craft supplies \$5; Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid certification \$25 (CPR certification valid for two years); all fees are approximate
Second year:
Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid certification \$25; CDA book \$30 (CDA book includes application packet/shipping and handling); CDA certification \$425 (optional)
All fees are approximate

LENGTH OF COURSE..... 1 or 2 years

LOCATIONS Edward J. Milliken Technical Center
Harry B. Ward Technical Center

CTE/ACADEMIC CREDIT Please see chart on pages 4 and 5 for updated details

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION Child Development Associate (CDA)
Pediatric CPR/AED and First Aid

