

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. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from teaching assistant and classroom teacher to school administrator.

Early Learning



The Early Learning program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with instructing and supporting preschool and early elementary school students. This program of study addresses social, physical, and intellectual growth and skills 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

Level 3

- *Child Guidance

Level 4

- *Practicum in Early Learning (H) ¹



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

- Educational Aide 1 ¹

Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

- * Dual credit course aligned with Dallas College



Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Teacher Education, Multiple Levels
- Child Care Provider/Assistant

Bachelor's Degrees

- Elementary Education and Teaching
- Early Childhood and Family Studies

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Educational Leadership and Administration
- Education, General

Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Childcare Workers	\$26,000	12,800	17%
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$39,600	4,150	26%
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$59,800	11,700	13%
Education Administrators, Elementary through Secondary	\$90,500	2,700	14%

Successful completion of the Early Learning program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – May 2024

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

Level 3

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

Level 4

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

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