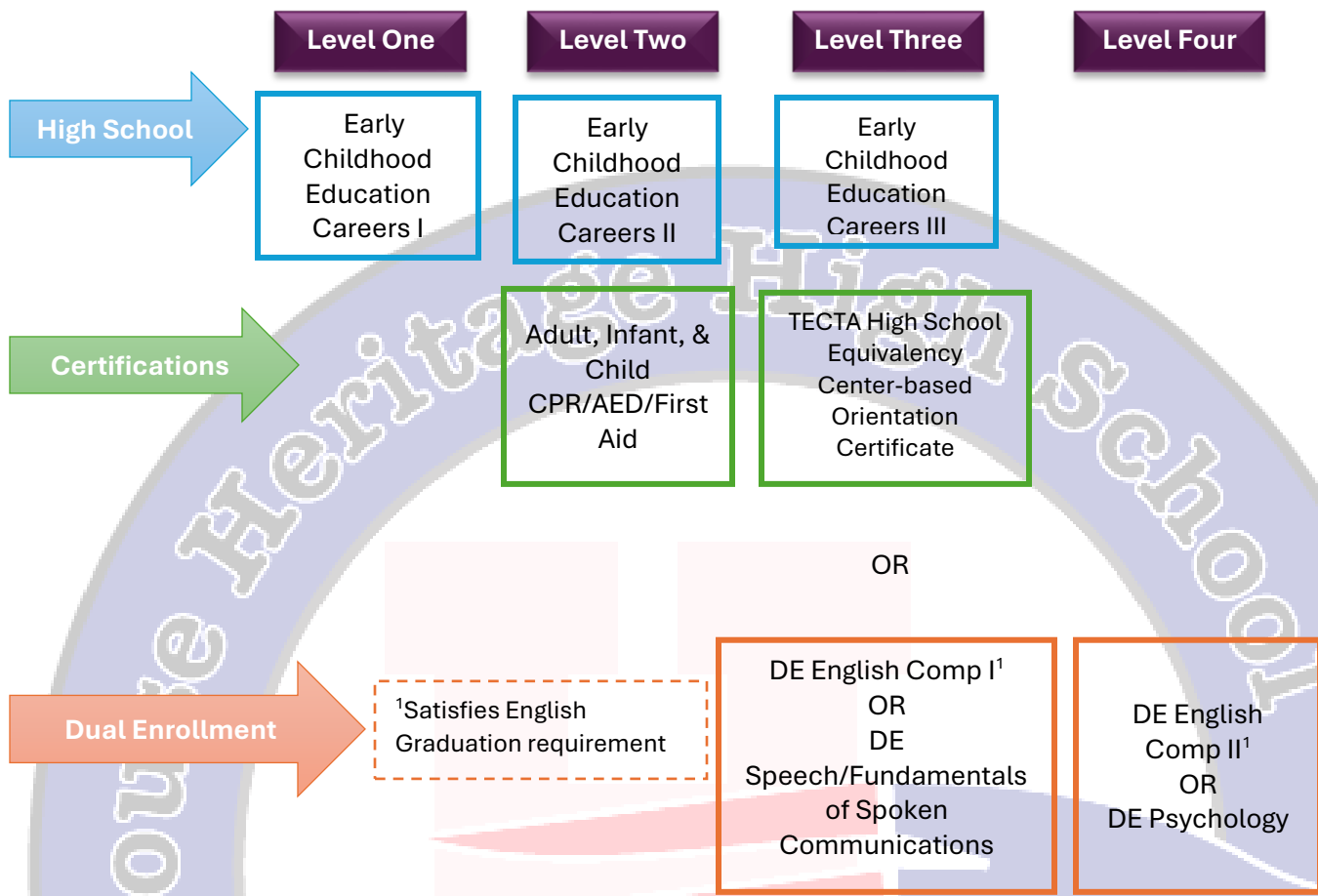


EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREERS



College Opportunities

- **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)

Career Outlook

Early childhood educators are essential as they shape the critical period of brain development from birth to age eight laying the groundwork for future learning behavior, and health outcomes. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of Preschool teachers is stable both statewide and nationally. Nationally preschool teachers are projected to grow three percent from 2022 to 2032, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Tennessee is expecting a 5 percent projected growth in the employment of preschool teachers.