



2026-2027 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Orange County QCC Workforce Pathways Stipend Program

Take the next steps in your Early Childhood Education career – with financial support, career advisement, and professional learning opportunities.

Apply early – space is limited

Due to limited funding, this year's program has a limited number of slots. Participation in last year's program does not guarantee eligibility this year. We encourage you to apply as early as possible.

✓ Eligibility

Candidates may qualify by meeting one of the following:

- ✓ Work directly with children (ages 0–13) in a licensed Orange County child care program
- ✓ Complete requirements to apply (first time), renew, or upgrade towards a Child Development Permit (Assistant, Associate, Teacher, Master, Site Supervisor, or Program Director)
- ✓ Pursue an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
- ✓ Hold a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree or higher and a Child Development Teacher Permit, and complete 21 hours of professional development (specific offerings will be provided)

📍 Live and Work in Orange County

Participants must live and work within Orange County. College/University attendance may take place in or outside of Orange County.

💡 Program benefits

- ✓ Financial support for eligible participants
- ✓ Career advisement and guidance
- ✓ Professional learning opportunities



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APPLY ONLINE

<https://l.ead.me/bgywyL>

Stipends are subject to approval and must be aligned with the intent of the grant.

Target audience: Family Child Care Providers, ECE/Preschool Teachers, Instructional Assistants



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