

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

A two-year program based on Child Development Associate (CDA) competencies and requirements

- Focuses on developing skills in early childcare and the education professions.
- Provides students with the opportunity to work with children three and four years old, under supervision, in an on-site preschool that is free to the community.
- Students learn to provide guidance, promote positive and productive relationships with families, and ensure a well-run childcare program.
- Students learn to establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment, while nurturing the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development of young children.
- Curriculum includes commencement level math and English language arts.
- All students are given the opportunity to participate in a Work-based Learning experience, which exposes them to the operation of a business and specific job duties related to careers in their CTE area. This internship is designed to connect the skills and knowledge learned in the CTE classroom with the real world requirements of a business.

Certifications & Endorsements

- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Students earn hours toward the Child Development Associate Credential and may pursue this certification after completing the program
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Students completing the program successfully qualify to work as:

- Entry-level position in a day care or pre-school program

Employment opportunities requiring further education:

- Careers leading to teaching birth through 6th grade
- Careers involved in the education and development of young children (i.e. social work)



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