

Follow Your Passion – Educate Young Children

Early Childhood Care and Education is on the Cutting Edge with Career Opportunities

Early Childhood teachers play a critical role in preparing children birth to age eight to be successful in school. Early school success equates to a more positive life trajectory.

↑ 14% anticipated growth in Early Childhood careers¹

The ECE Field Offers Many Opportunities:

- Distinct career pathways with varied salaries are available
- Early Childhood is receiving state and national attention
- Early Childhood has a wide range of supports including scholarships, Professional Development Advisors, wage supports, and Credentials



1 President & 27 Governors highlighted Early Childhood in their State of the Union and State of the State addresses in 2014

A Variety of Promising Career Opportunities are Available to:

- Work directly with children through teaching (e.g., public schools, private schools, child care centers, Head Start, etc.)
- Support those who work directly with children (e.g., administrators, curriculum development, policy advocates and lobbyists, coaches/mentors, licensing representatives, providers of professional development including faculty and trainers, etc.)

The nation is facing a critical need for well-prepared Early Childhood teachers and leaders.

¹ January 2014 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook for 2012-2022.

Information compiled by the Professional Development Advisory Council.



4 Facts About Early Childhood Care and Education Careers

1. Significant federal and state focus and funding is being directed to Early Childhood Care and Education.
2. Study after study has shown that high-quality early childhood education provides the best return of any public investment. We can save more than \$7 for every dollar invested.
3. New research in science and brain development shows that how you engage with a child through the first five years shapes that child's ability to be successful in life.
4. Teachers play an important role in social-emotional and cognitive skill development as children transition into school.