

# Early Childhood Education



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The Early Childhood Education program provides the student with knowledge of child development principles and positive guidance techniques needed for working with children.

Curriculum areas include *preschool* teaching techniques, child development and growth, nutrition, art, music and children's literature.

## Career Pathways:

Preschool and Child Care Center\*  
Child, Family & School Social Workers\*  
Preschool Teachers\*  
Kindergarten Teachers\*  
Secondary Teacher  
Special Education Teachers\*  
Child Care Workers  
Elementary School Teacher\*  
Preschool Aide, Teacher's Aide  
Assistant Group Supervisor

*\*Some job titles will require post-secondary training*

## Program Entrance Recommendations:

- Alert, a good communicator
- Free from a criminal background
- Physically able to keep up with children
- Safety-conscious
- Enthusiastic, positive, energetic
- Teamwork skills
- Self-starter
- Stays on task, honest and ethical

## Earn Industry Certifications:

Mandated Reporter Training  
Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid  
CDA-Ready (Child Development Associate)  
OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Health and Safety Basics, Penn State Extension  
ServSafe Food Handler

Clearances:

- PA Dept. of Human Services Child Abuse
- PA State Police Criminal History
- Federal Fingerprint-based Criminal

## Earn College Credits:

Students may transition from the CDA Pre-Apprenticeship Program to the Associates Degree Early Childhood Education (ECE) Apprenticeship Program at Penn West University

PA Bureau of CTE SOAR Articulation Credits: For more information, visit [www.collegetransfer.net/Search/PA-Bureau-of-CTE-SOAR-Programs](http://www.collegetransfer.net/Search/PA-Bureau-of-CTE-SOAR-Programs)