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 (Family and Consumer Science)*
Special Education Teachers*
Child Care Workers
Elementary School Teacher*
Preschool Aide, Teacher's Aide

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 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

PA Bureau of CTE SOAR Articulation Credits– for more information, visit https://www.collegetransfer.net/Search/PA-Bureau-of-CTE-SOAR-Programs

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