



Find **big** rewards in a **small** world.



The first steps to learning are important for young children. Prepare yourself with the skills you need to intern in a family-based day care center, pre-school or elementary school. You can earn community service hours while working toward your Child Development Associate credential. Prepare for your career in teaching and earn college credits in this exciting technical education program.

Advanced college/trade school credit is available to qualifying students from the following institutions:



COURSE TITLE: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to prepare students for careers as teachers or child care providers in early childhood education. The study of child development is included by direct hands-on work experience with children in our on-site preschool.

A second year option is available which prepares students to work toward the Child Development Associate (CDA), a nationally recognized credential that will qualify candidates to meet all state licensing requirements to work as a child care professional in any early childhood program in the United States. Students in the second year program participate in community-based internships to explore varied educational settings and student groups.

COURSE CONTENT – First Year

- Career Planning and Preparation
- Observation and Assessment
- Child Development Principles and Theories
- Understanding Children from Birth–Age Eight
- Guidance Techniques
- Creating a Safe and Healthful Environment
- Curriculum Planning
- Learning Experiences for Children
- Guiding Children with Special Needs

CLINICAL LAB PRACTICE – First Year

Students participate as teachers-in-training in an on-site preschool laboratory, working with children 3 to 5 years old. Students work in teaching teams with a rotation of job assignments and positions.

COURSE CONTENT – Second Year

- Community-Based Work Experience
- Classroom Management and Supervision
- Program Management
- Parent/Teacher/Community Relations
- First Aid/Pediatric CPR Certification

CLINICAL LAB PRACTICE – Second Year

Students serve in the lead teacher role in the on-site preschool laboratory, as well as participating in community-based field placements in their choice of settings including infant/toddler or preschool, daycare, Head Start, special education and early elementary grades.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Associate Degree
- Baccalaureate Degree

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Schools Recreation Facilities Elementary Schools Group Day Care Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Education Facilities Family Home Day Care Provider Community Service Agencies Youth Centers |
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SUGGESTED SUPPORTIVE COURSES

Human Development, Food and Nutrition, Parenting, and Child Psychology

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- COSTS** **First year:**
 Smock \$25; Portfolio box \$15; Notebook \$5; Misc. Craft Supplies \$5; CPR Certification \$10 (CPR Certification valid for two years)
- Second year:**
 First Aid Certification \$10; (First Aid Certification valid for two years); CDA book \$20 (CDA book includes application packet/shipping and handling)
- LENGTH OF COURSE**..... 1 or 2 years
- LOCATIONS** Edward J. Milliken Technical Center
 Harry B. Ward Technical Center
- CTE/ACADEMIC CREDIT** 1 year = 1 credit ELA
 2 years = 1 credit ELA
 (2 years = MAXIMUM 1 academic credit)
- INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION** Child Development Associate (CDA)

