



# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

GARY AREA CAREER CENTER



## OVERVIEW

If you have a love for children, and a genuine desire to help children learn, this is the program for you.



## YOU WILL LEARN

- To teach small and large groups
- To create developmentally appropriate lesson plans
- How to maintain a healthy learning environment for children
- How to demonstrate the employment skills needed to work with young



## A TYPICAL STUDENT

The typical student has strong academic skills and wants to pursue a career working with children. Career goals include Early Childhood Education, Elementary and Special Education, Pre-school teachers, instructional aides, counselors, social workers, and day care directors and owners.



## GET YOURSELF READY

To prepare for this course you should maintain a grade point average of 2.8 or higher. We recommend strong communication skills. The following classes will help prepare for the Early Childhood Education program, college, and a career working with children.

- Art
- Computer applications
- Creative writing
- Speech
- Introduction to Communications
- Child Development





## POTENTIAL CAREERS

Kindergarten & Elementary School Teacher  
\$50,000

Preschool Teacher  
\$28,790

Special Education Teacher  
\$57,910

Teacher Assistant  
\$25,410

Childcare Worker  
\$21,170

Preschool & Childcare Center Director  
\$45,790

All career and salary information is cited from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



## YEAR ONE

Students in Early Childhood Education gain a solid understanding of Child Development. Students learn how to plan and supervise activities for pre-school children. Students also study the normal development of a child and their physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development

Industry Certifications: Child Development Associate Credential, Pre-Pac, Health – Safety Modules

Ivy Tech Community College Dual Credit

ECED 100	Intro. To Early Childhood Education	3 credits
ECED 101	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3 credits



to develop lesson plans and acquire hands on experience in a preschool setting. Opportunity to work on more complex projects. Advanced instruction includes classroom setting. Opportunities to become lead teacher in a daycare classroom

work on completing their portfolios for presentation to postsecondary institutions and employers.

Industry Certifications: CDA, Pre-Pac

Ivy Tech Community College Dual Credit

ECED 105	CDA Process	3 credits
ECED 130	Curriculum in Early Childhood Classroom	3 credits



## WHEN YOU FINISH

Students can secure a position directly after completing the program or go on to a 2-year or 4-year colleges to major in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or Special Education,



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