



EDUCATION

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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CAREER EXPLORATION & EMPLOYMENT

What can I do in this career field?

[O-NET OnLine](#)



Is this career field right for me?



Will this career field meet the needs of my family?



Receive support from:

Job and Career Connections Office

to access and use:



[WORKSource](#)

BEGINNING STATE CERTIFICATES

State Initial ECE Certificate
12 Credits

State Short ECE Certificate of Specialization

Initial Certificate PLUS one of the following:

- ECE - General: 20 Credits
- Infant - Toddler Care: 20 Credits
- School-Age Care: 20 Credits
- Family Child Care: 20 Credits
- Administration: 20 Credits

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Cleared Portable Background Check**
- **TB Test**
- **First Aid Card**
- **CPR Card**
- **Food Handler's Card**

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

Head Start/ECEAP Assistant Teacher
Family Child Care Provider
Child Care Aide

ADVANCED STATE CERTIFICATE

State ECE Certificate
48-50 Credits

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

Child Care Program Director/Supervisor
Child Care Provider
Private Preschool Teacher

2 YR DEGREE

Associate in Early Childhood Education
94 credits

Sample Two Year Degree Plans:
Days Nights/Weekends

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

Head Start/ECEAP Assistant or Lead Teacher
Special Ed. Assistant/Paraeducator
Child Care Teacher
Director/Owner Child Care

2 YR TRANSFER DEGREE

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer Early Childhood Education (AAS-T)
96 credits

Sample Two Year Degree Plans:
Days Nights/Weekends

PATHWAYS TO 4 YR DEGREES

Pierce College Bachelor of Applied Science in Teaching (BAS-T)
90 Credits

Teacher Certification Included

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

Elementary School Teacher, Gr. 1-3
Kindergarten Teacher
Special Education Teacher, Pre-K
Special Education Teacher, Kindergarten/Elementary

PATHWAYS TO 4 YR DEGREES

Articulated

Washington State University
The Evergreen State College*
Brandman University

JOB OUTLOOK AND WAGES

Gov't Funded Pre-school Teacher
Pre-School/Child Care Administrator
Head Start Lead Teacher
Head Start/ECEAP Program Coordinator

[City University of Seattle](#)

[North Seattle College](#)

Related

[St. Martin's University](#)

[Pacific Oaks College](#)

[Heritage University: Non Certified
ECE](#)

**also available with Associate in ECE*

[Home Visitor](#)



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Free resources
and membership
available



Hint:

Professional Membership
looks good on a resume!

RELATED PROGRAMS:

Math Education (DTA/MRP)

**Elementary Education (AA-
DTA)**

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