



## 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!

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### RELATED PROGRAMS:

**Math Education (DTA/MRP)**

**Elementary Education (AA-  
DTA)**

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