

Early Childhood Education

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Overview:

This program trains students to work in early childhood education (ages birth through eight). It includes theoretical and practical elements and features supervised classroom practice teaching. It does not lead to a teaching certificate or qualify graduates to teach in the public schools.

How Much Can I Earn?

\$19,140-\$38,000

*wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

What Will I Do On The Job?

You will work to create a caring and stimulating learning environment for children who may range from infants to third graders by providing activities that help children grow mentally, physically, and emotionally.

What Skills Will I Use On The Job?

It helps to be someone who can celebrate energy and creativity of children while setting limits so they remain safe. People who thrive in this career tend to have patience and flexibility. The ability to tune into a particular child's needs but also oversee group activities is needed. Being caring, patient, and creative person is a good asset. Teamwork skills are vital.

Possible Job Titles:

Child Care Teacher, Child Care Director*, Family/Group Child Care Owner, School Age Care Teacher, Assistant Director, Teacher's Assistant (Pre K-4), Substitute Teacher (public/private), Entry Level Position in designated Child and Family Welfare Agencies.

**This job also requires some successful job experience.*

Who Will Hire Me?

Pre-K programs, day-care centers, private preschools and kindergartens, resource and referral agencies and public schools may hire as teaching assistants.

Chattanooga State graduates work with such organizations as: Various Head Start Programs, Various Daycares, YMCA, Chambliss Children's Home, Childcare Network

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