



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CAREER PATHWAY



START MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY.

Earning a degree in early childhood development from Tidewater Community College prepares you to offer the highest possible standard of care and education to serve children and their families.

Whether you want to become a director of a child care program, operate your own licensed family care home or be a preschool teacher, TCC's nationally accredited program can help you reach your goals. The associate degree will also equip students who are planning to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education (PreK-3) along with a teaching license.

Each child development program is interactive with a focus on research-proven educational methods, and observation hours are built into every class. You'll learn how to engage children and enhance their educational experiences with fun and creative approaches.

PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Complete in as few as 4 semesters / 62 credits

TCC'S hands-on, research-based curriculum trains you in the care, supervision and education of children from birth through age 8.

CERTIFICATE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD INSTRUCTION

Complete in as few as 2 semesters / 31 credits

Prepare for employment as an assistant at a child care center with interactive course work focused on children's exploration, expression and learning. Observation hours are built into every class and many students find jobs during these interactive experiences.

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATES

Focus your professional competency in a single subject with a career studies certificate. You can apply all the credits you earn towards an associate degree.

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Complete in just 1 semester / 12 credits

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN PRESCHOOL (CDA EQUIVALENT)

Complete in just 2 semesters / 16 credits

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Complete in just 1 semester / 18 credits



TCC FAST FACT

TCC's early childhood program is nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of young children.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Many graduates find immediate employment after earning a diploma.

Train to work:

- in public or private child care
- as part of a preschool program in home-based child care
- in a before-and after-school program
- as a family nanny

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Yes, if you:

- love working with children
- are patient
- enjoy a hands-on environment

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Chesapeake
- Norfolk
- Portsmouth
- Virginia Beach

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