



Early Childhood Educator



Whether you want to be a teacher or just enjoy working with young children, the Early Childhood Educator program at Collin College could be the perfect starting point for you. The Early Childhood Educator certificate and degree programs are designed to prepare you for entry-level positions working with young children and their families and/or to study at a four-year university. The program emphasizes a developmental approach to promote the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth of children. You will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare you to create developmentally appropriate, nurturing environments.

Career Outlook

Preschool or Childcare Administrator

Avg. Starting Salary: \$40,100

Average Salary: \$58,700

Projected Job Growth: 16.3%

Preschool Teacher

Avg. Starting Salary: \$50,200

Average Salary: \$63,300

Projected Job Growth: 12.4%

Teacher's Assistant

Avg. Starting Salary: \$21,900

Average Salary: \$31,600

Projected Job Growth: 11.7%

Childcare Worker

Avg. Starting Salary: \$23,800

Average Salary: \$28,800

Projected Job Growth: 16.7%

*Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O*Net*

Note: Average salary for occupation as of 2023 and job growth projected from 2023-2030.

Choose Your Education

**Associate of Applied Science –
Early Childhood Educator (0-8 years)**
(60 credit hours)

**Level 1 Certificates –
Early Childhood Administrator***
(19 credit hours)

Child Development Associate (CDA)
(16 credit hours)

**Level 2 Certificate –
Early Childhood Educator (0-8 Years)***
(30 credit hours)

**Occupational Skills Awards –
Early Childhood Administrator
Child Development Associate (CDA)
Special Educator (0-8 years)**
(9 credit hours each)

* Starting Fall 2024

About the Program

Collin's Early Childhood Educator program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The Child Development Associate (CDA) program provides performance-based training of childcare professionals who work with children from birth through age 8. Coursework is applicable as in-service training for teachers, administrators, nannies, and family day home providers.

Collin College's Lab School

The Child Development Lab School, located on the Plano Campus, is NAEYC accredited and a Four-Star Certified Texas Rising Star program. It operates as a training facility and a model program where college students have opportunities for directed observation and supervised learning experiences in which knowledge and theory can be directly applied.

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