



Early Childhood Educator



Whether you want to be a teacher or just enjoy working with young children, the Child Development 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 to study at a four-year university and for entry-level positions working with young children and their families. 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
Average Salary: \$52,000 | 20% growth

Preschool Teacher
Average Salary: \$35,500 | 20% growth

Teacher's Assistant
Average Salary: \$24,600 | 13% growth

Childcare Worker
Average Salary: \$23,200 | 18% growth

Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O*Net
Note: Average salary for occupation as of 2018 and job growth projected from 2019-2026



Choose Your Education

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

**Level 1 Certificates –
Early Childhood Educator (0-8 years)**
(39 credit hours)

Child Development Associate (CDA)
(16) credit hours)

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

About the Program

Collin's Child Development program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is the only program in Texas to have NAEYC accreditation while holding exemplary status with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. 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 (Spring Creek) is accredited by the NAEYC and operates as a training facility, a model program, and a service provider 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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