



JUMP-START YOUR FUTURE

WITH A CAREER IN **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN TEACHING? GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS,
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT, AND GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL JOB-READY AS YOU TAKE
THE FIRST STEP IN A MEANINGFUL AND FULFILLING CAREER CHOICE!

Early Childhood Educators are ESSENTIAL. If you're looking for a career that truly makes a difference in the world, you should consider becoming an early childhood educator. In the early years of a child's life, more than one million new, neural connections are formed within the brain every second—creating the foundation for all later learning, behavior, and health. Early childhood education is a great career choice for motivated students who are interested in becoming teachers. Employment opportunities include careers in the education and the development of young children, such as teaching children birth through third grade.

WHICH PATHWAY WILL LEAD TO YOUR CAREER GOALS?

INCOME LEVEL: \$\$\$

BA DEGREE (120 CREDIT HOURS)

Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D., Specialized Training

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher
- » Early Childhood Education Assistant Program Director
- » Early Childhood Education Program Director
- » Licensed Early Childhood Education Teacher
- » Licensed Early Childhood Education Special Educator

INCOME LEVEL: \$\$

AA COMPLETION (60 CREDIT HOURS)

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher

INCOME LEVEL: \$

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE & CREDIT BEARING COURSEWORK

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant

INCOME LEVEL: \$

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE & NON-CREDIT TRAINING

- » Trainee
- » Family Child Care Educator

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS:

FAMILY CHILD CARE

- WHERE: Business Owner/Self-Employed
- AGES: Multi-age care

LICENSED CARE

- WHERE: In Classrooms
- AGES: Infant, toddler or preschool classrooms, and afterschool

PUBLIC SCHOOL

- WHERE: In Classrooms
- AGES: Preschool-Grade 3, and afterschool

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS NEEDED:

- Has knowledge of child development
- Maintains ethical practices and follows a code of ethics
- Demonstrates professional written and oral communication with families, colleagues, and community
- Works as a collaborative team member
- Develops and maintains positive and professional relationships with families
- Practices continuous professional growth



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I am eager to continue my education and to **MAKE AN IMPACT** in the early childhood field.”

TATIANNA LeBLANC | A recent graduate of South Burlington High School and Burlington Technical Center. Earned 48 college credits through dual enrollment and is interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree.

READY. SET. **TEACH!**

In addition to helping shape future generations, **TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN CAN BE INCREDIBLY FUN AND REWARDING.** On a daily basis, you may find yourself laughing, dancing, reading, singing, and creating alongside eager and open little minds that will inspire your own thinking in new and different ways. If you are looking for meaningful work and a hands-on career that offers variety, creativity, and independence, then becoming an early childhood educator is the career for you!



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your career as an Early Childhood Educator today! Learn more at:

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