

# Early Childhood Education and Related Career Pathways



Exploring a career in the field of early childhood? There are countless pathways and opportunities at all levels of education for those who wish to work with children and families. This vast and varied field has opportunities for individuals who are interested in:

- **Business**
- **Child and Family Studies**
- **Education**
- **Home Economics and/or Family and Consumer Sciences**
- **Human Services**
- **Liberal Arts**
- **Liberal Studies**
- **Nursing**
- **Psychology**
- **Recreation**
- **Social Work**
- **Sociology**
- **Special Education**

	High School Education	Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) or School Age Professional Credential (SAPC)	Associate of Arts (AA)	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	Masters	PhD
<b>EI/Maternal Child Health (MCH)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Center outreach specialist or group facilitator</li> <li>Parents As Teachers Parent Educator (high school with 2 years experience)</li> <li>Home Visitor*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Health Worker</li> <li>Home Visitor*</li> <li>Doula, including Certified Perinatal Doula</li> <li>Early Intervention (EI) Service Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)</li> <li>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)</li> <li>Registered Nurse (RN)</li> <li>Lactation Consultant</li> <li>Patient Care Coordinator</li> <li>Public Health AssistantInternational Board of Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC)</li> <li>EI Service Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Visitor*</li> <li>Early Interventionist/ Developmental Therapist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified Nurse Midwife</li> <li>Healthcare Policy Advocate</li> <li>Maternal Child Health Program Coordinator</li> <li>Nurse Educator</li> <li>Nurse Practitioner in Women’s Health or Pediatrics</li> <li>Public Health Nurse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Researcher/ Professor</li> <li>Epidemiologist</li> <li>Global Health Consultant</li> <li>Health Services Administrator</li> <li>Pediatrician</li> <li>Public Health Policy Analyst</li> </ul>
<b>Core ECE</b> (birth to nine, may include up to the age of 12, depending on the funding stream supporting the child’s care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aide</li> <li>Food prep</li> <li>Cleaner</li> <li>Home Visitor*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant Teacher</li> <li>Home-based Child Care Owner</li> <li>Early Head Start Assistant</li> <li>Home Visitor*</li> <li>Out of School Time Teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant or Lead Teacher</li> <li>Director’s Credential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead Teacher</li> <li>Pre-K Counts Teacher</li> <li>Out of School Time Leadership</li> <li>Curriculum Specialist</li> <li>Quality Coach</li> <li>Research/Advocacy Associate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Start Leadership</li> <li>Professional Development Instructor</li> <li>Quality Coach</li> <li>Out of School Time Supervisor</li> <li>Adjunct Faculty</li> <li>Advocacy/ Research Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic Researcher/ Professor</li> </ul>
<b>K-12 Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Prep</li> <li>Cleaner</li> <li>School-based Clerk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistant Teachers in early childhood classrooms</li> <li>Out of School Time Educator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building or Classroom Paraprofessional (ie., special education)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substitute Teacher <i>with Teacher Certification</i></li> <li>K-4 or 5-12 Teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-4 or 5-12 Teacher <i>with Principal Certificate</i></li> <li>Principal K-12 Admin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>with Superintendent Letter of Eligibility</i></li> <li>Superintendent</li> </ul>
<b>Health</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil Service Certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developmental Specialist</li> <li>Occupational Therapist (OT) or Physical Therapist (PT) assistant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered Behavior Technician <i>with licensure</i></li> <li>Occupational Therapist</li> <li>Physical Therapist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioral Specialist Consultant</li> <li>Licensed Professional Counselor</li> <li>Clinical Social Worker <i>with licensure</i></li> <li>Speech-Language Pathologist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed Psychologist</li> <li>Nurse Practitioner</li> </ul>

\*Education requirements depend on the model and the employer.



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