

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



CAREERS IN THIS FIELD

Center Director

Family Childcare Provider

Head Start Teacher • Preschool Teacher

Resource and Referral Service Provider

School Aide

The early childhood education program focuses on the growth and development of young children, infant through eight years, with an emphasis on healthy adult-child relationships. Students study and apply skills and techniques for providing developmentally appropriate environments, educational experiences, and care for young children, based on NAEYC standards. Instruction is provided in the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive domains of early childhood development. You will develop competencies through classroom instruction, observation, and participation in early education and care settings.

HIGHER EDUCATION. LOWER COST. PERFECT VALUE.

Get more for your money with classes that are close to home and a fraction of the cost of other colleges and universities in Indiana. Whether you want to move up in your field or enter a new field, Ivy Tech can help you get the skills you need. And if you want to continue on to a four-year degree, Ivy Tech helps make it affordable. Our credits transfer to many colleges and universities, so you can graduate with the same education and much less debt.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Science programs typically contain 40 percent or more general education, with the balance in technical and profession courses. The coursework provides students with a foundation for transfer to a related baccalaureate program at a four-year institution, and equips students with skills for the job market.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (TC)

One-year Technical Certificate programs provide education in conceptual and technical skills for specific occupations. Each program contains a sequence of required courses in a recognized concentration within a program.

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITIES

Credits from individual Ivy Tech classes transfer to colleges and universities throughout Indiana—and in some cases, entire programs transfer. Whether you are considering a program with a career in mind or want to save money by starting your bachelor's degree at Ivy Tech, transfer options are a great way to get started.

EARN MORE AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

If you want a good-paying job, you need to invest in your education. With an associate degree from Ivy Tech Community College, you'll earn an average of \$8,000 more each year than you would with just a high school degree. Over the course of your career, this has a tremendous impact on your earning power—a difference of up to \$400,000. As a result, you'll have the chance to explore opportunities that are well worth the time you'll spend in class.



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

67 credit hours; Program ready students

FIRST YEAR**Fall Semester**

IVYT 1XX	Life Skills Elective
ECED 100	Intro to Early Childhood Education
ECED 101	Health, Safety, and Nutrition
ECED 130	DAP Guidance in A Cultural Context
ENGL 111	English Composition

Spring Semester

ECED 103	Curriculum in the ECH Classroom
ECED 120	Child Growth and Development
ECED 200	Family Teacher Partnership
ECED XXX	Practicum
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (or)
COMM 102	Intro to Interpersonal Communication
XXXX XXX	Life/Physical Science Elective

SECOND YEAR**Fall Semester**

ECED 213	Infant and Toddler Care Programming
ECED 230	Exceptional Child
ECED 243	Cognitive Curriculum
MATH 118	Concepts in Mathematics
ECED 204	Families in Transition

Spring Semester

ECED 210	Early Childhood Administration
ECED 223	School Age Child Care
ECED 233	Emerging Literacy
ECED 260	Early Childhood Capstone Course
ECED XXX	Practicum

Summer Semester

SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology
XXXX XXX	Humanities Elective

Students must complete two of the following:

ECED 105 CDA Process (or)	ECED 205 Early Care Practicum
ECED 235 Preschool Practicum (required)	

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

64 credit hours; TRANSFER – University of Southern Indiana

FIRST YEAR**Fall Semester**

IVY 1XX	Life Skills Elective
ECED 101	Health, Safety, and Nutrition
ECED 103	Curriculum in the ECH Classroom
ECED 130	DAP Guidance in A Cultural Context
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (or)
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology
ENGL 111	English Composition

Spring Semester

ECED 120	Child Growth and Development
ECED 200	Family Teacher Partnership
ENGL 112	Exposition and Persuasion
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (or)
COMM 102	Intro to Interpersonal Communications
ECED Elective	Choose from the list below

SECOND YEAR**Fall Semester**

ECED 205	Early Care Practicum
ECED 230	Exceptional Child
ECED 243	Cognitive Curriculum
HIST 101	Survey of American History I (or)
HIST 102	Survey of American History II
ENGL 220	Intro to World Literature I (or)
ENGL 221	Intro to World Literature II
ECED Elective	Choose from the list below

Spring Semester

ECED 235	Preschool Practicum
ECED 260	Early Childhood Capstone Course
MATH 118	Concepts in Mathematics
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy
BIOL 101	Introductory Biology (or)
SCIN 111	Physical Science

Electives – Choose two of the following:

ECED 210 Early Childhood Administration; ECED 213 Infant and Toddler Programming; ECED 233 Emerging Literacy

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To learn more about employment and salary information for careers in this field, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics website at bls.gov and the official career site of the State of Indiana, indianacareerconnect.com.

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