The Early Childhood Education program focuses on early child growth and development including adult-child relationships. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills and techniques for providing appropriate environments and care for young children. Instruction is provided in the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of early childhood. You will develop competencies through classroom instruction, observation, and participation in early education and care settings.

**Degrees & Certificates Offered (Wabash Valley Region):**
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Technical Certificate (TC)

**Typical Careers:**
- Child Care Administration
- Early Care in Education
- Elementary Schools
- Family Child Care
- Head Start
- Infant/Toddler Care
- Preschool
- Pediatrics
- Nanny Care
- Resource and Referral Services
- School Age Programming

**POINTS OF PRIDE**
- Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Only 30% of all Early Childhood Education programs are accredited nationwide.
- Well above average pass rate on the Child Development Associate® (CDA) National Credential, as administered by the Council for Professional Recognition
- Students work directly with children in the community by week five
- Average class size of twelve students
- Graduates leave the program with a collection of resources to use in their own classroom
- Hands-on curriculum development throughout the program

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