

ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Early Childhood Care and Education Pathways

This program is designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Graduates have qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including childcare centers, Head start, Georgia Pre-K programs, and elementary school paraprofessional positions. Graduates of this program will receive one of five areas of specialization: program administration, paraprofessional, infant/toddler development, family childcare, and exceptionalities. Over the next 10 years, the number of jobs in this field is projected to grow by 13% nationally and 10% in Fulton and Clayton counties in Georgia.

Infant and Toddler Child Care Specialist Certificate

1 Semester
5 Classes

Careers: Infant and toddler lead teacher in childcare learning centers or family learning centers.

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$18,000/year



Early Childhood Exceptionalities OR Early Childhood Program Administration OR Early Childhood Care and Education Basics Certificates

1 Semester
3 Classes

Careers: Assistant or lead teacher in childcare learning centers or family learning centers

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$20,000/year



Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma

4 Semesters
17 Classes

Careers: Childcare centers, Head Start, Georgia Pre-K programs

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$35,000/year



Early Childhood Care and Education Associate's Degree

6 Semesters
22 Classes

Careers: Childcare centers, Head start, Georgia Pre-K programs, Family learning centers, Elementary Schools Paraprofessional positions

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$45,000/year

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*All job growth projections and estimated salaries are based on data from Emsi (Economic Modeling Specialists Inc) and are updated annually.