



TURN YOUR LOVE FOR CHILDREN  
INTO A REWARDING CAREER

# Early Childhood Education

[HOSPITALITY + HUMAN SERVICES]

**WASHBURN TECH**  
UNIVERSITY

If you enjoy working with children and families, a career in early childhood might be a good choice for you. Our graduates work in preschools, child care centers or home daycares and focus on the growth and development of children from infancy to six years of age. Use your creativity by developing and modifying ideas to enrich young minds.

### LEARNING AT WASHBURN TECH

Our early childhood education program provides training in the processes and principles of child growth and development. Instruction emphasizes social, emotional, physical and cognitive development in addition to support services for children. You will gain hands-on experience by working in the licensed child care center on our campus, Little Learners at Washburn Tech, or another center in your community. Students may earn either a Cert A of 24-credit-hours or a Cert C of 48 credits. Upon completion of a Cert C, you will be eligible to complete a more advanced degree at Washburn University.

### JOB AND SALARY OUTLOOK

Employment of early childhood professionals is projected to grow 18 percent from 2020 to 2030, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Kansas Department of Labor

reports the average salary for an entry-level child care worker in Kansas is \$13.38 an hour or \$27,824 annually. The average is \$16 an hour or \$33,280 annually.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For dual-credit high school students submission of an application, official partial transcript, and consent to enroll form are required. Adult students must complete an application and submit an official copy of all transcripts. Please see an admissions counselor for details.

### CERTIFICATIONS

- + CPR
- + First Aid

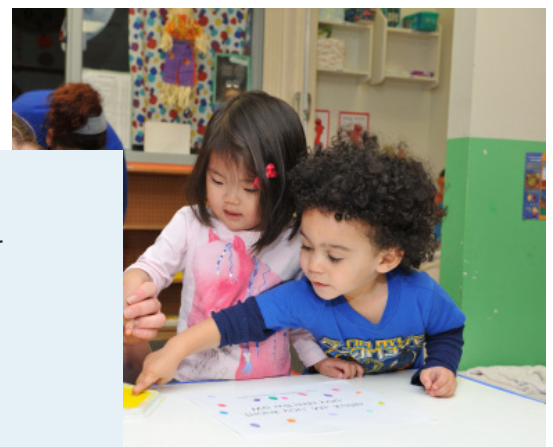
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TALK TO AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR TODAY!

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### CAREERS IN HOSPITALITY »

- + nanny
- + child care center worker
- + play therapist
- + preschool teacher
- + youth worker
- + family support worker
- + teaching asst.
- + after-school care



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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### INTRO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION\*

Introduces the fundamentals of early childhood education

### CHILD HEALTH, SAFETY & NUTRITION\*

Basic study of health, nutrition and safety management

### PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT\*

Focuses on appropriate environments and curricula for children ages three through five

### INFANT & TODDLER DEVELOPMENT & CARE\*

Focuses on the growth and development of the child from birth through age two

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT\*

Explore the principles of planning, implementing and evaluating developmentally appropriate curriculum

### CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS\*

Learn to develop quality care and education for children with disabilities and chronic conditions

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LAB I\*

Participate in the licensed early learning center

### HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT\*

Covers aspects of human development thru the life span

### CREATIVE EXPERIENCES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Learn to construct and maintain a developmentally appropriate environment for young children

### CHILDREN'S PLAY & GAMES

Covers the importance of play learning attitudes and environments

### EARLY LANGUAGE & LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Learn strategies that support early literacy development

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LAB II

Advances the earlier course

### ADMINISTRATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Covers the principles of administration and organization of childcare programs

### FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION

Acquaints students with the education profession

### DEVELOPING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Develop guidance skills and learn to handle guidance challenges while establishing classroom rules

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INTERNSHIP

Work with professionals in the field

\* indicates Cert A courses only

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



**SUBMIT  
APPLICATION**



**MEET WITH  
ADMISSIONS**



**SUBMIT  
TRANSCRIPT(S)**



**ENROLL IN  
CLASSES**

### 2025-2026 PROGRAM COSTS - CERT A (Estimated)

	HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT
Tuition	\$495	\$3,960
All other fees	\$211	\$778
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$706</b>	<b>\$4,738</b>

\*Tiered courses are paid by Excel in CTE. Non-tiered courses are paid by the student.

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES (Estimated)

	HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT
Tools/Books	\$215	\$215

### 2025-2026 PROGRAM COSTS - CERT C (Estimated)

	HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT
Tuition	\$495	\$7,920
All other fees	\$211	\$1,426
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$706</b>	<b>\$9,346</b>

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### ADDITIONAL CHARGES (Estimated)

	HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT
Tools/Books	\$215	\$215

### MORE INFO »

For more programs, enrollment and course schedule information, please contact Admissions. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.

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