

Career Options in Early Care and Education

Advanced Degrees

- Early care and education instructor at technology center, community college or university
- Curriculum specialist/coordinator
- Child development specialist
- Child guidance specialist
- Research/writer
- Early intervention specialist
- Family support and education
- Family child care home provider

- Child care center director/coordinator
- Program manager in a state agency/resource coordinator
- Teacher/administrator/special educator in a public or private elementary school-certification required.
- Early childhood consultant
- Speech and hearing pathologist
- Occupational and physical therapist
- Child psychologist
- Infant/child mental health specialist

Bachelors of Science, Bachelors of Arts, Bachelors of Education Degrees

- Early childhood teacher in Head Start or child care; public school (certification required)
- Special education teacher (certification required)
- Family childcare home provider
- Administrator in a Head Start Program
- Child care center director/coordinator
- Parent/family educator or advocate

- Program manager in a state agency/resource coordinator
- Parents as teachers coordinator
- Director of school-age (out of school time) program
- Resource and referral specialist
- Child care licensing specialist
- Adult educator
- Child life specialist in a hospital

Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science Degrees

- Head Start teacher
- Child care master/lead teacher
- Family child care home provider
- Child care center director

- School-age program provider
- Early intervention/special needs program
- Para-professional assistant
- Home visitor

National Credential Level and Certificate of Mastery

- Head Start teacher assistant (CDA required)
- Child care teacher-master teacher
- Family child care home provider

- Child care center director
- Early Head Start teacher

Core Level-positions require minimum education and some specialized training

- Child care teaching assistant
- Family child care home provider or assistant
- School-age program assistant
- Special needs child care assistant
- Nursery attendant or volunteer

- In-home caregiver
- Camp counselor
- Substitute teacher
- Nanny

There may be other related positions that may benefit from obtaining education and training.