People with careers in Early Childhood Development and Services nurture and teach children. They provide services in childcare centers, nursery schools, preschools, public schools, private households, family childcare homes and before– and after– school programs.

**Major Courses**

Students must take THREE pathway concentration courses and ONE additional pathway elective course.

**Pathway Concentration Courses (3):**
- Contemporary Issues in Education (formerly Teaching as a Profession)
- Examining the Teaching Profession (formerly Introduction to Teaching)
- Foundations of Family & Consumer Science
- Health, Safety & Nutrition for the Young Child (formerly Early Childhood Education II)
- Human Growth & Development for Early Childhood
- Introduction to Early Childhood Care & Education (formerly Early Childhood Education I)

**Pathway Elective Courses (1):**
- Apprenticeship/Internship
- Entrepreneurship: Building a Business (formerly Entrepreneurship)
- Food, Nutrition & Wellness (formerly Nutrition and Wellness)
- Introduction to Healthcare Science
- Other Pathway Concentration Course

**Other Recommended Courses**
- Computer Applications
- Dramatic Arts
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Marketing Principles
- Modern Language
- Music Appreciation
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Visual Arts

**Post-Secondary Degrees, Diplomas, & Certificates**

**Technical Colleges**
- Child Development Associate I
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Early Childhood Program Administrator
- Infant and Toddler Childcare Specialist

**Colleges/Universities**
- Education - Counseling/Guidance
- Education - Curriculum Instruction
- Education - Elementary

**EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

Early Childhood Development and Services employees hold about 1.2 million jobs. Employment is projected to increase for all occupations through the year 2010. A high turnover rate should create many job opportunities for childcare workers. About two out of five childcare workers are self-employed. Pay depends on the educational attainment of the worker and the type of establishment.

* Pre-requisites noted in course descriptions.