

## Choose Your Career Path . . .

There are 16 Career Clusters in the National Career Clusters Framework, representing more than 79 Career Pathways to help students navigate their way to greater success in college and career! With so many options to consider, where do you start?

First, take a career assessment at your school, to help narrow down the choices that could be a great fit for you. Then start learning about those careers. What are the opportunities? The work environments?

Next, look at what kind of training you need to prepare for that career. Some positions offer on-the-job training. Others require some type of industry credential. Still others may require a post-secondary certificate or degree. What training do you need **to get the career you want?**

Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program - Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic and nonacademic activities of preschool and childcare centers or programs. Preschool and childcare center directors supervise and lead staffs, design program plans, oversee daily activities, and prepare budgets. They are responsible for all aspects of their center's program.

Some preschools and childcare centers are independently owned and operated. In these facilities, directors must follow the instructions and guidelines of the owner. Sometimes, the directors are the owners, so they decide how to operate them. Other preschools and childcare centers are part of a national chain or franchise. The director of a chain or franchise also must ensure that the facility meets its parent organization's standards and regulations.

In addition, some preschools and childcare centers, such as Head Start programs, receive state and federal funding. Directors of these schools and centers must ensure that their programs, staff, and facilities meet state and federal guidelines. For example, they must ensure that the staff and facility adhere to the requirements set by the Department of Health and Human Services. Ensure facilities are maintained and cleaned according to state regulations.

Source: US Dept. of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Find Your Future!



### Human Services—Early Childhood Education

Options for Triton Degree and Certificate programs in Early Childhood Education include:

**Available Triton 2-Year Degrees include:**

- ➡ • Early Childhood Credential Pathway Level IV

**Triton Certificates include:**

- ➡ • Continuing Pathway Certificate Level III
- ➡ • Early Childhood Career Pathway Certificate Level II
- ➡ • Infant/Toddler Care Certificate
- ➡ • Early Childhood Administration and Management Advanced Certificate

**Ask your counselor about making space in your schedule to take dual credit classes that can help move you closer to your career goals!!**

**Are you ready to commit to building your future?**

# Can I See Myself Doing This?



Am I good with People and Data?

## Start your 2 Year Degree Early Childhood

|                       | Course 1  | Course 2  | Course 3  | Course 4  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Course                | <b>ECE 110<br/>Early Childhood<br/>Development</b>                          | <b>ECE 111<br/>Introduction to Early<br/>Childhood Education</b>            | <b>ECE 118<br/>Health , Nutrition &amp;<br/>Safety</b>                      | <b>ECE 146<br/>Child, Family &amp;<br/>Community</b>                        |
| Triton<br>credentials | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Transfer Pathway<br>Level IV Degree         | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Transfer Pathway<br>Level IV Degree         | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Transfer Pathway<br>Level IV Degree         | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Transfer Pathway<br>Level IV Degree         |
|                       | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Continuing Pathway<br>Certificate Level III | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Continuing Pathway<br>Certificate Level III | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Continuing Pathway<br>Certificate Level III | Early Childhood Creden-<br>tial Continuing Pathway<br>Certificate Level III |
|                       | Early Childhood Career<br>Pathway<br>Certificate Level II                   | Early Childhood Career<br>Pathway<br>Certificate Level II                   | Early Childhood Career<br>Pathway<br>Certificate Level II                   | Early Childhood Career<br>Pathway<br>Certificate Level II                   |
|                       | Infant Toddler Care<br>Certificate  | Infant Toddler Care<br>Certificate  | Infant Toddler Care<br>Certificate  | Infant Toddler Care<br>Certificate  |
|                       | Early Childhood Admin-<br>istration/Advanced<br>Management Certificate      | Early Childhood Admin-<br>istration/Advanced<br>Management Certificate      | Early Childhood Admin-<br>istration/Advanced<br>Management Certificate      | Early Childhood Admin-<br>istration/Advanced<br>Management Certificate      |

**Get started in the Early Childhood Industry in your junior and senior years of high school with these four courses required for the 2 year Early Childhood Transfer Pathway Level IV Degree at Triton College. All 4 of the above listed courses qualify for dual credit!**

Q: How does that help me?

A: This means you can request electives at Triton College that will:

1. Earn elective credit at your high school, AND
2. Earn college transcript credit at Triton, AND
3. Complete 4 courses that apply to each of four different ECE Certificates, AND
3. Complete 4 courses towards completion of degree requirements at Triton in this A.A.S. program—while you are in high school!

### JOB ZONE

**Education**— Most of these occupations require a four-year bachelor's degree, but some do not.

**Experience**— A considerable amount of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. For example, an accountant must complete four years of college and work for several years in accounting to be considered qualified.

**Training**— Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training.

### EARNINGS—

Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program

|             | Entry     | Median    | Experienced |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Annual Wage | \$40,204. | \$55,029. | \$79,187.   |
| Hourly      | \$19.33   | \$ 26.46  | \$ 38.07    |

### Typical Technology

#### Accounting software

- Intuit QuickBooks
- Intuit Quicken

#### Data base user interface and query software

- Auburn Software Debit Square

#### Desktop publishing software

- Microsoft Publisher

#### Electronic mail software

- Microsoft Outlook

#### Enterprise resource planning ERP software

- ACS Technologies HeadMaster
- B&I Computer Consultants Childcare Sage
- Cirrus Group Daycare Works
- eChurch.com SchoolPerfect
- Emerging Technologies Office Center
- Jackrabbit Technologies Jackrabbit Care
- Kressa Software SchoolLeader
- MAGGEY Child Care Management Software
- Mount Taylor Programs Private Advantage
- OnCare Advantage

### Credits

<https://careertech.org/human-services>

[https://illinois.virtuallmi.com/vosnet/lmi/profiles/profileDetails.aspx?](https://illinois.virtuallmi.com/vosnet/lmi/profiles/profileDetails.aspx?session=occdetail&valueName=occupation&section=description)

[session=occdetail&valueName=occupation&section=description](https://illinois.virtuallmi.com/vosnet/lmi/profiles/profileDetails.aspx?session=occdetail&valueName=occupation&section=description)

## What Will Your Story Be?

*"I didn't research the different fields, so the one thing I want to say is, research what you want to be, to reach your goals!"*

*"I just took a course in high school and I really enjoyed the work, so I decided to keep on going with it. I am going for my Associate's Degree."*