Welcome

Surveys of Indiana childcare providers show they believe training is a very important issue in our field. In addition, providers want training to be linked to credit, and they want early childhood education training to be community-based, relevant and affordable. We have tried to address each of these issues in our community by offering two certificates in childcare training, and two early childhood degrees at the associate level. The credits for the Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA), the Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS), and the Associate of Science degree (AS) in Early Childhood Education are transferable, so make an appointment to learn about options. We strive to work with experts in the community to educate and promote the elements of quality care.

We look forward to working together for the benefit of local families.

Early Childhood Education Curriculum and Course Descriptions

Curriculum for Early Childhood Education varies based on the degree or certificate and is subject to change.

Go to ivytech.edu/early-childhood to find recommended course curriculum and course descriptions.
Overview
The Early Childhood Education Program focuses on early child growth and development including adult-child relationships. Emphasis is placed on the development of skills and techniques for providing appropriate environments and care for young children. Instruction is provided in the physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of early childhood. The student develops competencies through classroom instruction, observation, and participation in early education and care settings.

Scholarship
Ask your advisor about the Indiana T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) scholarship for current childcare employees.

Early Childhood Education Degree and Certificate

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE
Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. AAS programs may also prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE
Our two-year Associate of Science degree program in the liberal arts prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions. General education and liberal arts courses make up all or most of the curriculum.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (TC)
One-year Technical Certificate programs provide education in conceptual and technical skills for specific occupations. Each program contains a sequence of required courses in a recognized concentration within a program.

PREPARATION COURSEWORK
We also provide the preparation coursework for the nationally recognized Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA), which also applies towards the Technical Certificate and the AAS degree.

Technical Certificate
Early Childhood Education

Careers in Early Childhood Education
- Center Director
- Family Childcare Provider
- Head Start Teacher
- Preschool Teacher
- Resource and Referral Service Provider
- School Aide
- Substitute Teacher
- Teaching Assistant

Employment and Salary
The degree allows graduates to apply to teacher education programs at four-year institutions to pursue bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Preschool through Grade 3. Those who graduate with the associate degree may also choose to take the ParaPro Assessment to apply for teaching assistant positions in the state of Indiana.

Visit the official career site of the State of Indiana: www.indianacareerconnect.com

Also visit the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics for salary and employment information: www.bls.gov

Transfer Options
Graduates of our program may continue on to pursue bachelor’s degrees at various four-year institutions, some of which are covered by the Indiana T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program. Transfer students may be required to take a few additional courses to fulfill all transfer requirements.