



JUMP-START YOUR FUTURE

WITH A CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Do you have an interest in teaching? Gain valuable skills, earn college credit, and graduate high school job-ready as you take the first step in a meaningful and fulfilling career choice!

YOUR PATHWAY

TOWARD A CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION!

Early Childhood Educators are **ESSENTIAL**. If you're looking for a career that truly makes a difference in the world, you should consider becoming an early childhood educator. In the early years of a child's life, more than one million new, neural connections are formed within the brain *every second*—creating the foundation for all later learning, behavior, and health.

Early childhood education is a great career choice for motivated students who are interested in becoming teachers. Employment opportunities include careers in the education and the development of young children, such as teaching children birth through third grade.

In addition to helping shape future generations, **TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN CAN BE INCREDIBLY FUN AND REWARDING**. On a daily basis, you may find yourself laughing, dancing, reading, singing, and creating alongside eager and open little minds that will inspire your own thinking in new and different ways. If you are looking for meaningful work and a hands-on career that offers variety, creativity, and independence, then becoming an early childhood educator is the career for you!

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your career as an Early Childhood Educator today! Learn more at:

[WWW.VAEYC.ORG](http://www.vaeyc.org)



WHICH PATHWAY WILL LEAD TO YOUR CAREER GOALS?

INCOME LEVEL: \$\$\$

BA DEGREE (120 CREDIT HOURS)

Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D., Specialized Training

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher
- » Early Childhood Education Assistant Program Director
- » Early Childhood Education Program Director
- » Licensed Early Childhood Education Teacher
- » Licensed Early Childhood Education Special Educator

INCOME LEVEL: \$\$

AA COMPLETION (60 CREDIT HOURS)

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher

INCOME LEVEL: \$

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE & CREDIT BEARING COURSEWORK

- » Family Child Care Educator
- » Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant

INCOME LEVEL: \$

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE & NON-CREDIT TRAINING

- » Trainee
- » Family Child Care Educator

Ask your guidance counselor or check with your Career Technical Education program to see if you have the opportunity to **EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDITS WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.**

“ I am eager to continue my education and to **MAKE AN IMPACT** in the early childhood field.”

TATIANNA LeBLANC
A recent graduate of South Burlington High School and Burlington Technical Center. Earned 48 college credits through dual enrollment and is interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree.



“ Every moment here is a teachable moment. It feels good, and it feels rewarding to know that **WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF EVERY CHILD** and all their families, too.”

MELANIE ZINN
Licensed Early Childhood Educator, Early Childhood Program Director, and Business Owner



“ I've been working with young children for 32 years. Seeing a child learn, and helping them grow is **ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING THINGS THAT YOU CAN EVER WITNESS.**”

MERI CARPENTER-SALADINO
2019 Early Educator of the Year
My Second Home in Bradford, VT



EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS:

FAMILY CHILD CARE
WHERE: Business Owner/Self-Employed
AGES: Multi-age care

LICENSED CARE
WHERE: In Classrooms
AGES: Infant, toddler or preschool classrooms, and afterschool

PUBLIC SCHOOL
WHERE: In Classrooms
AGES: Preschool-Grade 3, and afterschool

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS NEEDED:

- Has knowledge of child development
- Maintains ethical practices and follows a code of ethics
- Demonstrates professional written and oral communication with families, colleagues, and community
- Works as a collaborative team member
- Develops and maintains positive and professional relationships with families
- Practices continuous professional growth

READY. SET. **TEACH!**



With the increased focus on the value of Early Childhood Education and the subsequent wave of new jobs, those qualified to teach young children can anticipate a broad range of career opportunities. They not only make a difference in the lifelong learning experiences of their students, but also positively influence the quality and standards of the programs they teach—

**MAKING THE OUTLOOK AND PROSPECTS
EVEN BETTER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.**

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