

Program Impact:

The first five years of a child's life are critical to establishing the strong educational, mental, and emotional foundation upon which future learning is built. Experiences during these formative years can significantly influence future outcomes for children and families.

Childcare is not only crucial for the development of young children, but also essential for the 14 million working parents with young children. Parents rely on childcare to help them enter, re-enter, or remain in the workforce, but access to affordable, quality childcare is often a significant barrier for many.



Course Information:

Beginning in 2022-2023, Early Childhood Professions will be offered to high school juniors and seniors.

This course provides students with the primary knowledge and skills needed for a future career in childcare or early childhood education. Students have the opportunity to complete their practicum hours, child development associate training, portfolio requirements, and course work under the guidance of a certified CTE instructor.

Space is limited, so act now!

Step One: Talk to your school counselor.

Step Two: Apply to Nichols Career Center.

Step Three: Get accepted into the program.

Step Four: Start learning and working with kids!

Benefits:

- 120+ hours of in class training
- 480+ hours of experience working directly with children
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification
- 1 Credit Hour of Embedded Math and Embedded English

Who Can Enroll?

- 11th and 12th Grade Students
- Recommended Prerequisites
 - Child Development
 - The School Age Child



Get In Touch!

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Employment Outlook:

- Employment of childcare workers is projected to grow 8 percent from 2020 to 2030.
- Overall job opportunities for childcare workers are expected to be favorable. About 150,300 openings for childcare workers are projected each year.
- Workers who attain the Child Development Associate credential should have the best job prospects.

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2 Year Program

