EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREERS (PRE-K–4)

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Education & Training

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*Early Childhood Education Careers I*

*Early Childhood Education Careers II*

*Early Childhood Education Careers III*

*Early Childhood Education Careers IV*

*Level One*

*Level Four*

*Level Three*

*Level Two*

**Dual credit/dual enrollment options include:**

TCAT Hohenwald, TCAT Crossville, TCAT Nashville

Roane State Community College

Tennessee Technological University

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM OF STUDY**

*Early Childhood Education Careers* is designed for students interested in becoming a preschool or elementary teacher, nanny, or childcare provider. While in this program of study, students will cover components of child development, planning age-appropriate activities, learning environments, and many other skills related to teaching younger children. Upon completion of this program of study, students will have worked with younger children, completed a professional portfolio, and will feel prepared for further training at the postsecondary level.

Teacher Assistants, $19,493

**High School Diploma**

Childcare Worker, $18,530

Nanny/Au Pair, $19,730+

Preschool Teachers, $24,770

**Certificate**

Preschool Teachers, $24,770

**Associates**

Elementary School Teachers, $46,344

Kindergarten Teachers, $46,160

**Bachelors**

This is not an exhaustive list of all of the opportunities available in Tennessee.

**High School *Early Childhood Education* Program of Study**

**CTSO Competitive Events**

FCCLA: Advocacy, Career Investigation, Early Childhood Education, Focus on Children, Teach and Train

SkillsUSA: Career Pathways Showcase, Early Childhood Education

**Work-Based Learning Practicum**

**TAP III Internship**

**Certificate**

**Early Childhood Education-TCAT**

**Associates**

**A.A.S. Early Childhood Education**

**A.S.T. Associate of Science in Teaching K-6 Elementary Education & Early Childhood Education (Pre-K-3)**

Nashville State Community College

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential

**Bachelors**

**B.S. in Early Childhood Education**

East Tennessee State University

Freed-Hardeman University

Lee University

Middle Tennessee State University

Tennessee State University

Tennessee Tech University

University of Memphis

University of Tennessee Chattanooga

Vanderbilt University

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The *Early Childhood Education* occupation group has a bright outlook statewide between 2014 and 2024. Job opportunities are strongest in urban, suburban, and northern areas of Tennessee. The job outlook for this program of study in Tennessee is as follows: 26.5 percent increase for childcare workers, 21.1 percent increase for kindergarten teachers, 20 percent increase for elementary school teachers, and 40.5 percent increase for preschool teachers by 2024.



**Employment Projections for *Early Childhood Education* careers in Tennessee (2014-2024)**

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**POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS**

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| **School** | **Degree Program** |
| Nashville State Community College | Early Childhood Education |
| Jackson State Community College | Early Childhood Education |
| Motlow Community College | Early Childhood Education |

For more college and career planning resources, visit <http://collegefortn.org>.

Have you registered for the Tennessee Promise? Seniors enrolled in this program have the chance to attend a two-year program at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT), community college, or some two-year university programs for free! To learn more, please see your school counselor or visit <http://www.tennesseepromise.gov> . 

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| Occupations | Total Percent Change | Total Annual Avg. Openings |
| Childcare Workers | 26.50% | 1,545 |
| Elementary School Teachers | 20.00% | 1,270 |
| Kindergarten Teachers | 21.20% | 235 |
| Preschool Teachers | 40.50% | 715 |
| Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School | 17.40% | 165 |
| Teacher Assistants | 15.30% | 855 |
| Teachers and Instructors, All Other | 13.00% | 150 |
| Source: TN Dept of Labor & Workforce Dev, Div Emp Sec, R&S Downloaded: 01/17/2018 9:42 AM | | |

***Early Childhood Education* Related Occupations with the Most Annual Average Openings in Tennessee (2014-2024)**



Students in this program of study will be eligible to join FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. In addition to school events, students will be able to compete at the district, state, and national levels. Involvement in FCCLA offers students the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life—planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication—necessary in the home and workplace. Walk away from your high school career with experience in competing, networking, applying course content, and more! See your adviser to learn more about FCCLA or visit <http://www.tennesseefccla.org>.

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