

PROGRAM OF STUDY JUSTIFICATION

Early Childhood Education Careers (Pre-K-4)

Education and Training

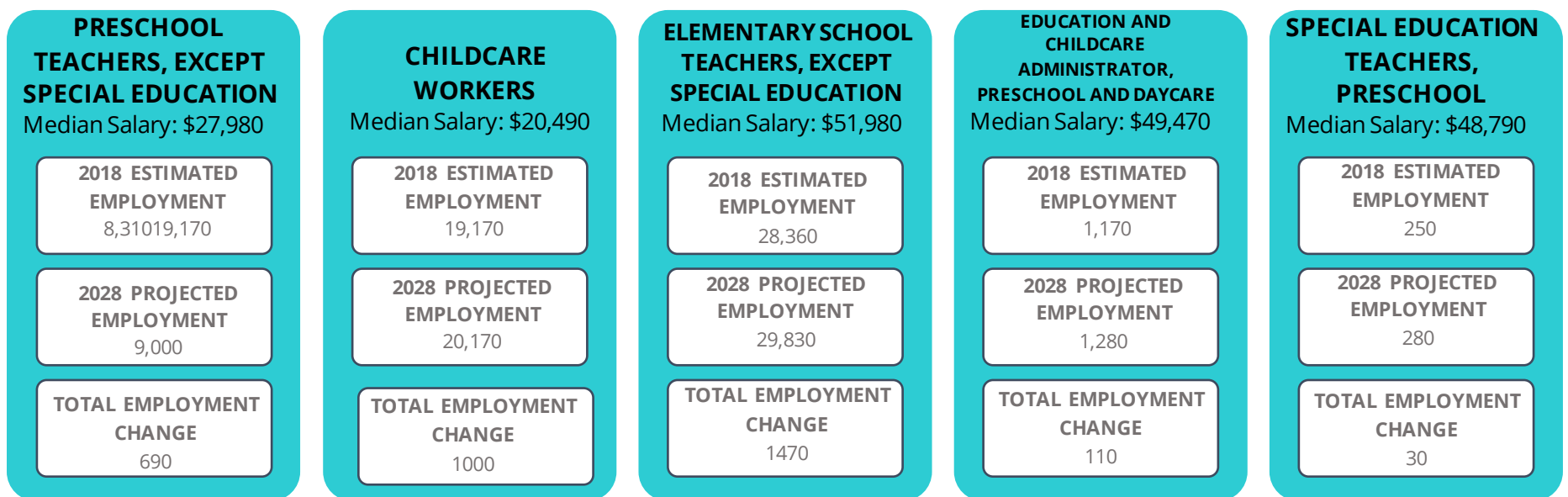
JOB OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States jobs related to education and training are expected to increase at a rate of 5 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. Student enrollment is projected to increase; therefore, preschool and elementary school teachers will be needed to meet the demand. During this time, about 441,000 new jobs will need to be filled.



OCCUPATION PROFILE

Preschool teachers educate and care for children younger than age 5 who have not yet entered kindergarten. They teach language, motor, and social skills to young children. Preschool teachers typically work in public and private schools or childcare centers. Many work the traditional 10-month school year, but some work year-round. Education and training requirements vary based on settings and state regulations. Preschool teachers typically need at least an associate's degree.



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Early Childhood Education Careers is designed to prepare students for careers in early childhood education. Course content covers the components of curriculum planning, student learning, screening and assessing, and many other skills related to teaching younger students.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

	Early Childhood Education Careers I	Early Childhood Education Careers II	Early Childhood Education Careers III	Early Childhood Education Careers IV
2017-18	1492	697	348	48
2018-19	950	539	187	33
2019-20	1097	659	228	27

CAREER PATHWAY



PROGRAM OF STUDY COMPREHENSIVE OUTLOOK

The comprehensive outlook is comprised of a 3-year vision of all support services, resources and program development aligned with this program of study.

RECOMMENDATIONS + OPPORTUNITIES

Standards

During the comprehensive review for this program of study, feedback from industry, postsecondary, and teachers **did not indicate** a need to revise current course standards.

New Courses

During the comprehensive review for this program of study, feedback from industry, postsecondary, and teachers **did not indicate** a need to add or retire courses at this time.

CTSO Connections

This program of study is aligned to SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA's mission statement includes personal, workplace, and technical framework skills. Content buckets that incorporate these skills are included in all of the program of study courses.

WBL Activities

This program of study is aligned with the WBL Framework. Through these experiences, students are immersed with industry standard content and technology, solve industry-based problems, meaningfully interact with industry professionals and use/produce industry specific, informational texts.

Recommended Trainings

The annual Institute for CTE Educators will provide teachers extensive professional development opportunities. Teachers will have opportunities to explore instructional and resource best practices, network, and grow their individual professional focus on preparing students to meet the demands of the postsecondary pathway of their choosing. TDOE provided professional development opportunities may vary based on identified teacher needs.

Externship Opportunities

This program of study will be enhanced through teacher participation in externship opportunities. Opportunities will be coordinated between local employers and individual programs. The department will provide guidance whenever possible to increase and improve externship opportunities.

Additional Resources

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Educational Therapy and Support

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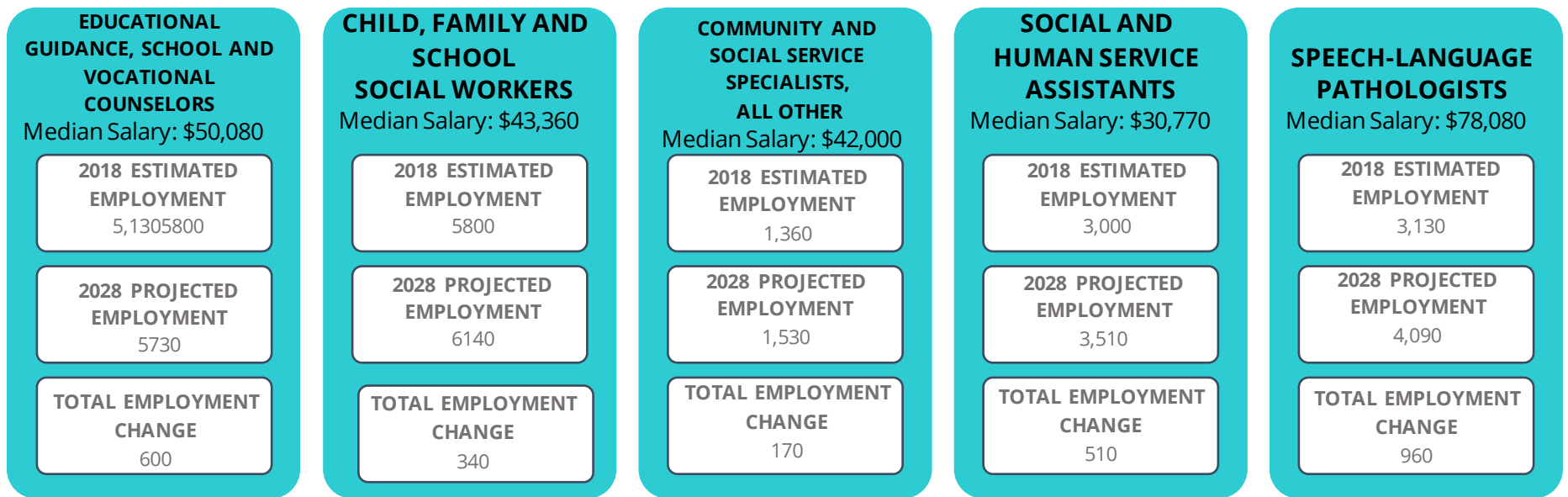
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According to O*Net, the employment outlook for careers in Educational Therapy and Support are expected to increase at a rate of 8 percent or higher from 2019 to 2029, much faster than average. Currently there are 333,500 employees in this career field with projected growth of 33,100 openings in the next ten years.



OCCUPATION PROFILE

School counselors help students develop the academic and social skills needed to succeed. Career counselors help people choose a path to employment. School counselors work in public and private schools. Career counselors work in colleges, career centers, and private practices. Both types of counselors generally work full time. Most school counselors need a master's degree in school counseling or a related field and have a state-issued credential. Some states require licensure for career counselors.



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Educational Therapy and Support focuses on the skills and knowledge needed for occupations that support the everyday functioning of school environments, such as school counselors. This program of study exposes students to all the critical components of effective teaching and learning at the K-12 level, as well as professional ethics, communication skills, school counseling models, and counseling approaches for a range of ages.



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	Educational Therapy and Support I	Educational Therapy and Support II	Educational Therapy and Support III	Educational Therapy and Support Practicum
2017-18	0	0	0	No data
2018-19	105	48	0	No data
2019-20	43	24	14	No data

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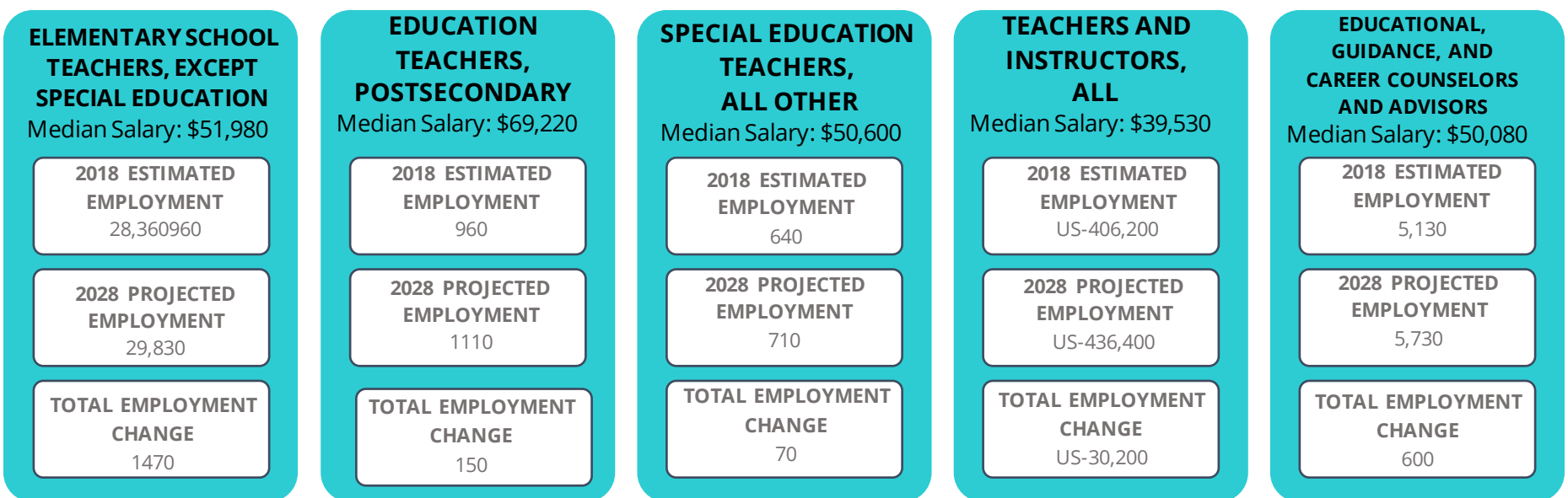
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The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development listed at least five education and training jobs on Tennessee's in demand occupations list in 2026. Among these careers were education administrators, librarians, elementary school teachers, secondary school teachers, and middle school teachers.



OCCUPATION PROFILE

Teaching as a Profession includes several career options such as librarian, elementary school teachers, secondary teachers, middle school teachers, and education administrators. High school teachers teach academic lessons and various skills students need to attend college. Elementary school teachers instruct young students in basic subjects to prepare them for future schooling. Middle school teachers educate students, typically in sixth through eighth grades. Lastly, education administrators oversee all school operations, including daily school activities.



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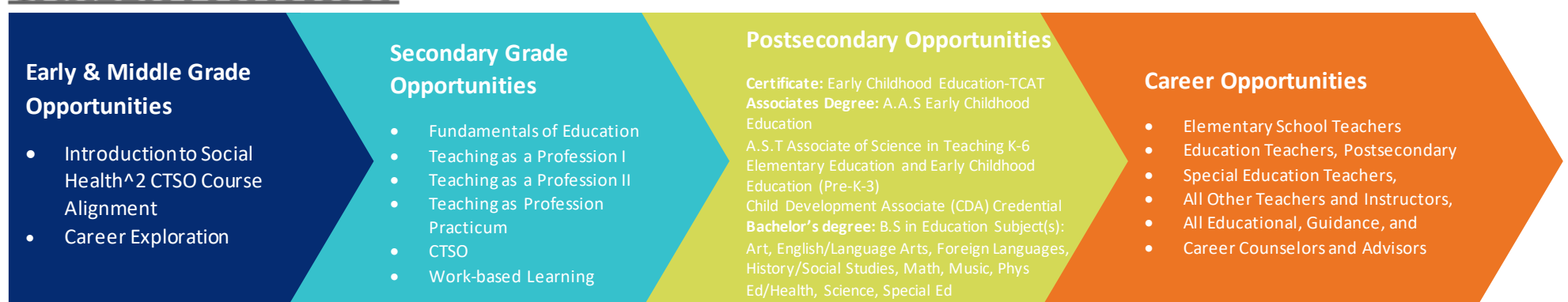
Teaching as a Profession is designed for students interested in becoming an educator. In this program of study, course content covers the components of instruction, teaching strategies, types of assessments, student learning, special populations, educational technology, classroom management, lesson planning, professionalism, and more.



STUDENT ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

	Fundamentals of Education	Teaching as a Profession I	Teaching as a Profession II	Teaching as Profession Practicum
2017-18	940	1,138	432	0
2018-19	1,081	951	613	0
2019-20	1,160	0	526	316

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