

# EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL



If you enjoy working with young children and families, a career in early childhood education might be a good choice for you. Our graduates work in preschools, child care centers or home daycares and focus on the growth and development of children from infancy to six years of age. This program offers the chance to use your creativity by developing and modifying ideas to enrich young minds.

## Learning at Washburn Tech

Our early childhood education program provides training in the processes and principles of child growth and development. Instruction emphasizes social, emotional, physical and cognitive development in addition to support services for children. You will gain hands-on experience by working in the licensed child care center on our campus, Little Learners at Washburn Tech. Both adult and high school students are eligible for this two-semester program, which enrolls in August only. Upon completion, you will earn a 24-credit-hour technical certificate and be eligible to

complete a more advanced degree at Washburn University.

## Job and Salary Outlook

Employment of early childhood professionals is projected to grow faster than the average occupation through 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Job prospects are expected to be excellent due, in part, to changing family dynamics. The Kansas Department of Labor reports the average salary for an entry-level child care worker in 2015 was \$8.16 an hour or \$16,965. The average wage was \$9.15 an hour or \$19,022 annually.

## Entry Requirements

Students are required to take the ACT WorkKeys exam. A minimum score of 4 in both Reading and Math is required. Other assessments or college coursework can be accepted in place of WorkKeys. Please see a recruiter for details. Students must complete an application, submit an official copy of all transcripts and undergo a background check.

## Certifications

- OSHA-10
- CPR
- First Aid

### CONTACT US:

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For more programs, enrollment and course schedule information, please contact Admissions. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.

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## Course Descriptions

### Childhood Curriculum

**Planning:** introduces techniques for guiding the following types of experiences; art, storytelling, puppetry, writing, math, science, social studies, music and field trips

### Guidance and Discipline/

**Family:** focuses on developing guidance skills, handling guidance challenges, establishing classroom rules and involving parents and family

**Regs Safety Abuse:** addresses KDHE Licensing Regulations, in-service training on First Aid, CPR, abuse, neglect, basic child development, communicable diseases and promoting children's safety

**Collection File I:** assembling a portfolio of various activities that can be used as teaching tools in the center utilizing the resource library and various websites

**Child Care Lab I:** involves participation in the licensed child care center under supervision of the unit leader; students use knowledge and skills expected of professionals new to the early care and education field; assessment includes lesson plan preparation and activity implementation

**Intro Early Child:** introduces the fundamentals of early child care and covers topics such as program orientation, types of early childhood programs, observation and assessment of children and child development principles and theories

### Child Care Program

**Development:** assists students in developing teaching philosophies, developing areas for a balanced curriculum, writing lesson plans, selecting toys, equipment and educational materials and exhibiting professionalism

### Infant/Toddler/Exceptional

**Child:** introduces quality programs for infants and toddlers, school-age children and children with special needs

**Collection File I:** continuation of compiling a teaching portfolio

**Child Care Lab II:** involves participation in the licensed child care center under the supervision of the unit leader, allowing students to demonstrate knowledge and skills by assuming a teacher's role

## CHECKLIST

Meet with recruiter

Take ACT WorkKeys\*

Submit transcript(s)

Pay enrollment fee

\*some exceptions apply

## TOTAL 2017-2018 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - HIGH SCHOOL

Enrollment fee	\$20
Tuition	FREE
All other fees	\$545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$565</b>

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES

Tools/Books Estimate*	\$70
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## TOTAL 2017-2018 PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - ADULT

Enrollment fee	\$50
Tuition	\$3,024
All other fees	\$545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,619</b>

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED CHARGES

Tools/Books Estimate*	\$70
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\* A list of required tools/books is on a separate sheet of paper and on our website, WashburnTech.edu. Students also will need to purchase supplies such as (but not limited to) pens/pencils, notebooks/paper, three-ring binder, etc. Students may purchase them at the vendor of their choice.

