

Associate + Bachelor's in **Early Childhood Education**

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INFORMATIONAL SESSION



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Student Story



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Agenda



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Start To Graduation Support

Every student enrolled online is assigned a dedicated team providing one-on-one support. They are your partners who can help you manage your time and ensure you're meeting degree requirements to get you to graduation.

Enrollment Services Advisor

Support students from initial inquiry, through the application process, and on to confirming their spot in the program once admitted.

Student Success Coordinator

Support students from confirmation, through semester registration, all the way to graduation. Advocate for students and ensure they are informed of information necessary for success in completion of the program.

Academic Advisor

Assist Students in understanding specific program requirements, academic policies, and to develop course schedules that consider the students background and educational goals.

Program Faculty

Our highly qualified and experienced faculty support student's achievement in meeting course objectives and balancing the demands of the ECE workforce. Faculty are accessible and engage with students throughout the program.

How Long Will it Take Me to Get My Degree?

100% Online

Asynchronous Format

Three Start Dates Per Year

- We offer three (3) start dates per year: Spring (January), Summer (May), & Fall (August)
- Each semester is between 13 and 15 weeks in length

Part-Time vs. Full-Time Options

- Part-Time: 6-9 credit hours
- Full-Time: 12 or more credit hours
- The average ECE student enrolls in courses part-time, taking between 6 and 9 credit hours per semester.

🏆 National Rankings

2023 Best Online Bachelor's Programs

U.S. News & World Report

2020 #2 Best Online College

Best Value Schools

2020 #2 Best Online Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education

TheBestSchools.org

2020 Top 15 Best Online Associate in Early Childhood Education

TheBestSchools.org



📍 Program Offerings

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Care & Education

60 Credit Hours (20 Courses)

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood OHIO® Scholarship Eligible

Associate Degree Scholarship

Federal Financial Aid Eligible

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Birth to Age 5)

120 Credit Hours (40 Courses)

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood OHIO® Scholarship Eligible

Over 15 Established Articulation Partners

Federal Financial Aid Eligible



Personalized Education: With four different sub-plan options, you can tailor your education to your career goals.

📍 Where to Start

Associate Degree

Early Childhood Care & Education

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED.
- No ACT or SAT scores required.
- Open admission if transferring from another institution.

Key Considerations

- Associate Degree Scholarship.
- All courses apply towards the online ECE bachelor degree.
- Apply CDA from UC or another preparation program to receive college credit towards degree.
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship available.

Bachelor Degree

Early Childhood Education Birth – Age 5

Qualifications

- 2.0 GPA if transferring from another institution or continuing at UC.
- No ACT or SAT scores required.

Key Considerations

- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship available.
- Apply up to 90 credits from previous coursework towards program.

Online CDA Workshop

Great place to start if you are not familiar with online education

Ohio Approved Training

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood OHIO® Scholarship Eligible

Earn nine (9) credit hours toward your ECE Online Associate Degree!





Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Preschool

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE2020	Creative Arts in Early Care and Education	3
ECE2015	Language Arts and Literacy in Early Care and Education	3
ECE3110	Math, Science and Social Studies for ECE	3
ECE2080	Preschool Student Teaching	3
ECE2085	Preschool Internship	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being a Lead or Assistant Teacher in a preschool classroom at a:
 - Child-care Center
 - Head Start Program
 - Private Preschool
- Those interested in being a Curriculum Specialist or Preschool Supervisor.

This sub-plan includes three curriculum methods courses and two practicum courses (required for Ohio's PreK Associate License).



Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Administration

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE3025	Assessment and Evaluation in Early Care and Education	3
ECE3045	Creative and Instructional Environments	3
ECE2070	Supervision and Organization of ECE Programs	3
ECE2075	Operation of an ECE Program	3
ECE3035	Administration and Leadership in Early Care and Education	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being an Administrator or Director at a:
 - Child-care Center
 - Head Start Program
 - Family Child Care Type A or B Home

This sub-plan includes courses that cover all aspects of owning and operating an early childhood program.

This sub-plan does not require a practicum.



Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Infant & Toddler

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE2050	Social Emotional Development and Guidance for Infants and Toddlers	3
ECE2070	Supervision and Organization of ECE Programs	3
ECE2045	Physical, Cognitive, and Language Development in Infant and Toddlers	3
ECE4050	Responsive Environments for Infants and Toddlers	3
ECE4055	Infant and Toddler Practicum	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in being a Lead or Assistant Teacher in an Infant or Toddler classroom at a:
 - Child-care Center
 - Early Head Start Program
- Those interested in being a Curriculum Specialist or Supervisor.

This sub-plan includes four curriculum methods courses and one practicum course.



Curriculum | Sub-plan Courses

Nature-Based Early Learning

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT
ECE1060	Nature-Based Early Learning	3
ECE2160	Movement, Storytelling, and the Arts in Nature	3
ECE2165	Becoming an Early Childhood Teacher-Naturalist	3
ECE3065	Inquiry and Early STEM Learning in Nature	3
ECE3070	Interpreting Nature with Young Children	3
EDST2055	Introduction to Education for Sustainability	3

Who is a good fit?

- Those interested in the knowledge base and dispositions needed to work in early childhood programs that focus on nature, for example:
 - Nature-Center Preschools
 - Zoo Schools
 - Forest Schools
- Those seeking ways to use greened-up playgrounds, playscapes, and nearby greenspaces with young children.

This sub-plan includes five curriculum methods courses and one practicum course.



Ours is the FIRST program in the country to offer a sub-plan dedicated to nature-based early learning.



Practicum | How Does it Work?

How long is practicum?

- Infant & Toddler: 1 semester- 10 hours/week
- Preschool: 2 semesters- 1st Semester: 10 hours/week; 2nd semester: 15 hours/week
- Nature-Based Early Learning: 1 semester- 10 hours/week

Can I do my practicum where I work?

- Yes! If the center is highly rated or accredited.

Can I get paid while doing my practicum?

- Yes!

Does practicum lead to a Professional Teaching License?

- Only the Pre-School practicum can lead to the Ohio PreK Associate License
- **This program **does not** lead to the PreK – Grade 5 Professional Teaching License**

Dedicated Practicum Coordinator

Admission Requirements

First-Year Student

- Never attended college.
- Open admission with high school diploma or GED.

Required Application Documents

- Send official high school transcripts or GED to UC Office of Admissions.
- Do not email or fax transcripts.
- No test scores are required.
- Complete the free online application.

Transfer Student

- Attended another institution.
- Open admission for Associate program.
- Required 2.0 college GPA if applying for the Bachelor's program.

Required Application Documents

- No test scores are required.
- Complete the free online application.
- Send official high school and college transcripts to UC Office of Admissions.
- High school transcripts could be waived.

Transfer Students

Transfer Your College Credits Into Our Early Childhood Education Programs

- Students can earn transfer credits for coursework taken at regionally accredited colleges and universities.
- Potential to apply up to:
 - 40 credits from previous coursework towards the Associate's program
 - 90 credits from previous coursework towards the Bachelor's program
- Students who have completed their CDA Credential somewhere other than UC, can earn 6 credit hours toward their degree
- To determine what credits will transfer, you must [apply](#) to the program, once you are admitted, you will submit a petition for transfer of credits to be applied towards your degree.

Articulation Partnerships

- UC has articulation agreements set up with over 15 community & technical college partners.
- Students admitted to the Bachelor's program coming from a partner institution will be granted automatic transfer of credit from their Associate's degree towards the Bachelor's program.



Academic Calendar

SEMESTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
Application Deadline	November 15	March 15	July 1
Confirmation Deadline	December 15	April 15	August 1

Financial Aid

- Both degrees are eligible for federal financial aid (FAFSA).
- You must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours per semester to be eligible for FAFSA.
- If you are eligible for military benefits, please contact your regional VA Representative to determine if your benefits will cover the program.
- Tuition payment plans are available.
- Unique financial support offered by OCCRRA to early childhood educators in Ohio.

Already filled out your FAFSA?

If you have already submitted your FAFSA, log into your FAFSA account and select “Make FAFSA Corrections”

From here, you can add UC’s School Code: **003125**

Contact Us | Financial Aid Advisor | cincyonlinefa@uc.edu
online.uc.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid

OCCRRA | T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship

Eligibility

- Type B Family Child Care Provider, Type A Family Child Care Provider, or teacher, assistant teacher, director, or owner employed in a licensed early care and learning program.
- Work at least 30 hours per week with children.
- Agree to commit to staying at the program for a minimum of one year after completing scholarship.
- Employer (Sponsor) must be located within Ohio, but Scholar may live elsewhere.

Support

- Pays for 90% of tuition and fees.
- Pays for 80% of book costs.
- \$100 per semester for internet/travel.
- Reimbursement of \$12 per hour to the sponsor, for providing up 6 hours per week of paid release time.
- \$300 bonus every year at least 9 credits are successfully completed.
- One-time computer/laptop reimbursement for college degree scholarships of up to \$1,500.

OCCRRA | POWER Ohio

Program Levels

Check Amount



Level	Education Requirements	Annual Supplement (Teacher)	Annual Supplement (Administrator)
1	High School Diploma, training not for college credit	N/A	N/A
2	*Trauma Informed Care Certificate (level 1 or 2)	\$300	\$200
3	*Active CDA (earned with less than 12 college credits)	\$900	\$600
4	*12 EC credits (could be a part of CDA Credential, paraeducator)	\$1,200	\$800
5	*24 credits general education or including at least 6 EC credits	\$1,500	\$1,000
6	*36 credits general education or including at least 12 EC credits AA/AS (less than 12 EC credits— Unrelated)	\$2,000	\$1,332
7	*60 credits general education plus or including 18 EC credits AA/AS plus or including 12 EC credits (Related)	\$3,000	\$2,000
8	*90 credits general education plus or including 24 EC credits BS or MS (less than 12 EC credits— Unrelated)	\$4,000	\$2,664
9	BS or MS plus or including 12 EC credits (Related)	\$5,000	\$3,330

Apply: registry.occrra.org

- Get wage supplements without searching for a new employer.
- Can be used with your T.E.A.C.H. scholarships and other state aid.
- Assistant teachers earning at or below \$17/hr, lead teachers at or below \$20/hr, administrators at or below \$23/hr.
- Work at least 20 hours weekly with children ages birth to 5 years.
- Professionals working in ODJFS licensed childcare programs.

How do I apply?





Contact Us

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CDA Workshop

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