

# Education and Training Career Cluster

The Education and Training Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing education and training services and related learning support services. All parts of courses are designed to introduce learners to the various careers available within the Education and Training career cluster.

## Early Learning Statewide Program of Study



The Early Learning program of study focuses on early childhood education, which consists of instructing and supporting preschool and early elementary school students in activities that promote social, physical and intellectual growth as well as in basic elements of science, art, music, and literature. This program of study introduces CTE learners to tasks necessary for planning, directing, and coordinating activities for young children.

### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

#### Level 1

- Principles of Human Services

#### Level 2

- Child Development

#### Level 3

- Child Guidance

### Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

#### Exploration Activities

- Participate in the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

#### Work-Based Learning Activities

- Work as a student intern through the Child Guidance class

### Postsecondary Opportunities

#### Associates Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Kindergarten/Preschool Education and Training
- Psychology/Sociology

#### Bachelor's Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Early Childhood
- Psychology/Sociology

#### Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Early Childhood Education and Teaching
- Multicultural Early Childhood Development
- Educational, Instructional, and Curriculum Supervision
- Educational Leadership and Administration

### Industry-Based Certifications

- Early Childhood Education and Care – Basic



### Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Kindergarten Teachers, except Special Education	\$53,310	1,848	17%
Preschool Teachers	\$27,851	4,330	17%
Elementary School Teachers	\$54,140	13,121	16%
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$79,830	2407	16%

Successful completion of the Early Learning program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement.

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# COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NAME	SERVICE ID	PREREQUISITES (PREQ) COREQUISITES (CREQ)	GRADE
Principles of Human Services	8630 (1 credit)	None	9-10
Child Development	8631 (1 credit)	Principles of Human Services	10-11
Child Guidance	8661 (2 credits)	Child Development	11-12
Practicum in Human Services	8637 (2 credits)	Child Guidance	12

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Principles of Human Services:

This course will enable students to investigate careers in the human services career cluster including counseling and mental health, early childhood development, family and community, and personal care services. The student will explore such topics as parenting skills, family structures, nutrition requirements, professional appearance and etiquette, career exploration, and mental health. Included in this curriculum are basic hand sewing techniques, kitchen safety, and introductory cooking skills.

### Child Development:

This technical course addresses knowledge and skills related to child growth and development from prenatal through adolescence, equipping students with child development skills. The student will examine life skills that promote healthy development of children. Such concepts as prenatal and brain development, typical growth patterns, lifestyle choices, health care, nutritional needs, career goal planning, and prevention of child abuse are among the topics of study. Students have the option of caring for a lifelike interactive baby doll to realize the demands, challenges, and stresses associated with caring for a baby.

### Child Guidance:

This technical laboratory course addresses the knowledge and skills related to child growth and guidance equipping students to develop positive relationships with children and effective caregiver skills. The student will be assigned to a mentor teacher at Irene Cardwell Elementary to participate in hands-on learning by working directly with preschool children. In doing so, they will refine the necessary procedures, personality, and management techniques to become an effective educator.

### Practicum in Human Services:

This course provides occupationally specific training and focuses on the development of consumer services, early childhood development and services, counseling and mental health services, and family and community services careers. The student will learn through a combination of classroom activities and actual work-based experiences. Documents to assist in successful post high school education or employment opportunities will be prepared. Some of the skills and products generated from this class are interviewing skills, up-to-date resumes, office skills, customer service, and an employment portfolio.

**Course in yellow are advanced courses for endorsement purposes.**



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