



## CAREERS AND WAGES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Students earning a degree or certificate in Early Childhood Education can expect to be prepared for a career in the following programs or settings:

- Child Care Centers
- Head-Start Programs
- Parent Cooperative Preschools
- Private Preschools and Kindergartens
- Public Schools



Examples of positions those who have obtained a degree or certificate in Early Childhood Education will be qualified to fill:

- Assistant Teacher
- Coordinator
- Director
- Education Assistant
- Family Child Care Provider
- Family Support Specialist
- Home Visitor
- Nanny
- Child Care Center or Preschool Program Owner
- Resource Specialist
- Teacher

## Wages

Starting wages for professionals entering this field will usually be higher for those who have completed a degree or certificate in Early Childhood Education. In Oregon, starting wages for professionals' range as follows:

- Professionals with an Early Childhood Certificate – \$10.25-15.87 per hour
- Professionals with an Associate Degree – \$10.75-18.64 per hour

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics wage and salary jobs in the child care services industry are projected to grow about 7% over the 2016-26 period which is as fast as average for all careers.