

CAREER PATHWAY PROFILE

EDUCATION



1. Pathway Options

EARLY EDUCATION			
JOB TITLE	CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE REQUIRED	STARTING SALARY	LOCAL EDUCATION OPTIONS
Child Care Center Assistant	high school diploma or equivalent	\$27,000	high school graduation
ECEAP Teacher	Associate or Bachelor's in Child Development	\$32,000	Clark College Lower Columbia College
Early Learning Coach	Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education	\$38,000	Washington Options
ECE College Professor	Master's or Doctorate Degree	\$63,786	Masters at WSU-V
Early Learning Center Director	ECE State Certificate	\$59,000	Washington State Stackable Certificates

K-12 EDUCATION			
JOB TITLE	CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE REQUIRED	STARTING SALARY	LOCAL EDUCATION OPTIONS
Paraeducator	Associate's degree	\$22,000	Clark College, LCC
K-12 Educator	Bachelor's Degree in Education	\$40,000	WSUV, Clark College, LCC
Education Administrator	Master's Degree in Education	\$93,000	WSUV

Pathway Options (continued)

FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES			
JOB TITLE	CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE REQUIRED	STARTING SALARY	LOCAL EDUCATION OPTIONS
Family Advocate	Bachelor's degree in social services, social work, sociology, or related field	\$26,000	Social Work Degree Programs
Family Home Child Care Assistant	high school diploma	\$27,000	high school graduation
Family Home Child Care Staff	Initial Teaching Certificate	\$29,000	Washington State Stackable Certificates
School Social Worker	Master's degree in Social Work	\$36,000	PSU

2. High School Course Options:*

COURSE	DESCRIPTION
Teaching Academy	The class explores learning styles, teaching methods and classroom management strategies. The course generally offers class time assisting educators.
Child Development	Students have the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of child development through a combination of classroom curriculum and practicum experience in the classroom.
Preschool Internship	Designed to provide second year Child Development students an opportunity for active participation with preschool children. Students select, prepare, present and evaluate a variety of learning activities that are age and developmentally appropriate for preschool children.
Careers in Education	Offers a unique experience for students who are interested in working with young people, particularly in the fields of teaching, early childhood education, educational paraprofessionals, child care, counseling, child psychology, pediatrics and social and human service occupations.
Child Psychology	Child psychology is a broad area, covering how people change as they grow up from birth through to adolescence.

* Check with your school district for Running Start opportunities.

3. Career Exploration & Preparation Ideas

A. Job Shadow Opportunities.

Your Career Counselor or our Team can help find you a professional to shadow for a day or two to get the feel for a day in the life of a:

- Child Care Center Director
- Family Child Care Assistant
- Family Support Specialist
- Early Learning Coach
- Play Group Facilitator
- Early Intervention Specialist
- K-12 Teacher
- Principal

B. Earn Certifications.

Begin your qualifications for a career in Early Child Care before graduation:

1. Child Care Basics Certificate online completion
2. CPR/First Aid Certification
3. Food Handlers Certification
4. Department of Children Youth Families Training Portal:
 - Mandatory Reporting
 - Safe Sleep

4. Other Resources

Clark College Career Launch: Associates of Arts in Early Childhood Education
Career Launch allows you to earn an hourly wage while you work through your courses. For more information, contact careerconnectsw@esd112.org or visit www.careerconnectsw.org/students.

[Becoming a School Psychologist](#)

[Washington State Stackable Certificates](#)

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