



# DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Daytona State College Early Childhood Education Program. I hope that the information in this packet will help you make important educational decisions that meet your specific needs. Our educational staff is well-trained and dedicated to providing quality courses in a supportive, stimulating, and interactive environment.

I am enclosing a copy of our current curriculum and most frequently asked questions. All courses must be taken either at DSC or an accredited college. You may transfer in as many courses as possible and complete the program on a part-time basis.

If you have any further questions as you pursue your career goals, I will be happy to help. I can be contacted at (386) 506-3113, or by e-mail [twymanc@DaytonaState.edu](mailto:twymanc@DaytonaState.edu) or you can contact Melissa Brown, Academic Advisor at (386) 506-3052.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

## Frequently Asked Questions About The Early Childhood Education Program

### 1. **Is enrollment limited?**

The Early Childhood Education program accepts students at any time. Enrollment is not limited at this time.

### 2. **What is the employment outlook?**

There is a high demand for employees in this field.

### 3. **What salary can I expect to earn?**

Salaries range from \$7.00 to \$9.00 per hour. They may be higher in different settings such as Head Start or Pre-K Early Intervention classes.

### 4. **What are the typical working hours in this profession?**

Working hours can range anywhere between 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Some centers may be open additional hours.

### 5. **What are the program hours?**

Early Childhood Education classes are held in the evenings, Monday through Thursday. Other A. S. degree required classes are offered both day and night as noted in the college's schedule guide each semester.

### 6. **How much does the program cost? What about books, lab fees?**

At an in-state rate of \$87.88 per credit hour, the tuition cost for this 63-credit two-year program would be about \$5,536.00. For out-of-state students, the fee would be approximately \$20,878.00 (\$331.40 per credit hour). Books will cost about \$800.00, and an insurance fee (billed as a "lab fee") of \$12.00 per year is also required. Other Lab fees are approximately \$30.00.

**7. Is a license required to work in this occupation?**

No license is required in this field. However, child care workers must complete state mandated Child Care Workers Training Courses which is incorporated into the college credit classes.

**8. Is clinical or externship training required in the program?**

Yes. One day per week during the fall and spring terms is spent in a child care setting. In addition, the final 6-week summer term is spent interning five days per week, for which 6 semester credits are earned.

**9. I have previous college courses. Will they count in this program?**

If assessed as equivalent to courses in the program, credits will be transferable.

**10. When may I start the program?**

You may enroll in the program during any semester.

**11. Is Financial Aid available for this program?**

Financial Aid may be available. Contact the Financial Aid office for additional information. Contact the Program Manager for additional information.

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

### 1. A.S. Degree – Early Childhood Education

This is a two-year degree program for students who want to prepare for careers such as: Early Childhood Teacher, Child Development Center Owner/Director, Lead Teacher, Infant/Toddler Teacher, VPK Teacher

### 2. Florida CDA Waiver Certificate

This is a one or two course certificate program for students with an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree. The college credit courses for this program satisfy the state mandated CDA requirement for early childhood teachers and directors working in DCF licensed schools and centers.

### 3. National CDA Credential

This is a four-course program for students without a degree who want to take college credit courses that satisfy the 120-hours of educational training required for the National CDA. Upon completion of these courses, students will be ready to apply for National CDA Direct Assessment.

### 4. Renewal for the National CDA Credential or Florida Professional Teacher's Certificate

This is an option for students who want to renew their valid national CDA credential or their valid Florida Professional Teacher's/Educator's certificate with one or two of our early childhood courses.

### 5. Florida Child Care and Education Program Administrator (Director) Credential

These 3-credit hour college courses can be used to meet the educational requirements for the Foundational Level and the Advanced Level of the Florida Child Care and Education Program Administrator Credential.

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## A.S. DEGREE

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education A.S. Degree is to prepare students for employment as teachers, curriculum coordinators, supervisors or directors in preschools and child development centers. The required general education and program courses provide quality preparation for the individuals with a special concern for young children and an interest in assisting them in their development and preparation for elementary school.

The goal of this program is to promote professionalism and prepare individuals with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to provide healthy, safe, and developmentally appropriate educational programs in a variety of settings for children from early infancy through preschool. The program courses direct and support the training necessary for students to work effectively with children in their very formative years.

Any student, who has earned a high school diploma from an accredited institution or has passed the General Education Development test with scores meeting Florida standards, is eligible for admission to this program.

The admission process includes:

- Submitting a completed Daytona State College application
- Taking a computer placement test (not an entrance test) for proper placement in future academic courses, if completing a degree
- Meeting with the Program Manager
- Registering for courses

After completing the admission process, students begin taking classes. Students' educational goals, needs and preferences are considered to determine future course offerings, and schedules.

- All students are encouraged to complete and submit a financial aid packet to determine eligibility for Pell grants, as well as other federal, state and local grants, loans, and scholarships.

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## CDA TRAINING PROGRAM

### NATIONAL CDA CREDENTIAL

This is a four-course program for students, without a degree, who want to take College credit courses that satisfy the 120-hours of educational training required for the National CDA. Upon successful completion of these courses, documentation of at least 480 hours (paid or unpaid) of direct work with children birth to five during the last five years, completion of a Professional Resource File and satisfactory observations, students will be ready to apply for National CDA Direct Assessment.

### CDA WAIVER

DSC has an approved CDA Waiver/Educational Exemption program for early childhood teachers/administrators who already have an A.A., A.S., B.A., B.S., or higher degree, in a field other than Early Childhood Education or Home Economics Child Development. This program requires documentation of at least 480 hours (paid or unpaid) of direct work with children, birth to five, and competence in the eight CDA areas. Successful completion of one or two courses and satisfactory observations may also be required after a transcript review.

1. Call Catherine Twyman at (386) 506-3113 and request a CDA Waiver/Education Exemption application.
2. Send your completed application and official college transcripts to Catherine Twyman for review or call for an appointment to go over the transcripts with her.
3. Complete appropriate course(s) and observational requirements as indicated after transcript review.