



Pathway: Early Childhood Education

Get the Facts:

Early Childhood Education qualifies an individual to teach in preschool settings and they can become licensed to teach kindergarten through third grade.

An associate degree (AS) in Early Childhood Education prepares individuals to teach preschool in private or corporate centers, Head Start, public education preschools, and serve as center directors.

Workforce Trends:

Employment of Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers is projected to GROW 7 percent from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth is expected due to a continued focus on the importance of early childhood education.

Early Childhood Education:

- High demand
- High skill

Occupation Outlook:



The Utah statewide annual median wage:

Preschool Teachers \$24,570

Kindergarten Teacher \$43,320

Sample Career Occupations:

- Preschool Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Head Start Teacher
- Administrator, Childcare Program
- Teacher Assistant
- Child Care Aide/Worker
- Nanny
- Elementary Education
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Child Welfare Worker

College and Career:

There are a number of options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.

- BYU – BS Early Childhood Education
- BYUI – AAS Profession Preschool Education;
BS Early Childhood Education/Special Education
- USU – BS Early Childhood Education
- WSU – AS Early Childhood; BS Early Childhood Education
- U of U – BS Family & Consumer Studies w/ emphasis in Early Childhood Education
- UVU – CC Early Care & Education; AS Early Childhood Education
- SUU – AAS Early Childhood Development; BS Elementary Early Childhood Education Concentration
- DSU – AAS/AS Early Childhood Education
- USU/E – BS Elementary Education w/Early Childhood endorsement
- SLCC – AS Education w/transfer agreements to U of U, USU, or WSU
- SNOW – AAS Childcare Management; AS Early Childhood Education