

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

Student Pathway Opportunity

PLAN OF STUDY

1st Year

Early Childhood
Education I

2nd Year

Early Childhood
Education II

3rd Year

Early Childhood
Education III

Industry Certification:

National Occupational
Competency Testing
Institute (NOCTI) Early
Childhood Education &
Care

DO YOU LIKE CHILDREN AND WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEIR GROWTH?

Preschool, kindergarten and elementary school teachers play a vital role in the development of children. They introduce children to math, language, science and social studies. They use games, music, artwork, films, books, computers and other tools to teach basic skills. Teachers design classroom presentations to meet students' needs and abilities, but they also work with students individually.

Most early childhood education teachers work a 10-month school year with a 2-month vacation during the summer. Many teachers work more than 40 hours a week. With growing minority populations in most parts of the U.S., teachers must work effectively with a diverse student population.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Education Administrators: Preschool & Childcare Center
- Childcare Worker
- Pre-school Teacher
- School Counselor
- Librarians
- School Psychologist
- Instructor, all subject areas

POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

- Continue education by enrolling at one of the University System of Georgia institutions, such as University of Georgia, Dalton State or Kennesaw State.
- Continue education by enrolling in a Program of Study at one of the Technical College System of Georgia institutions, such as North Georgia Technical College, Lanier Technical College or Georgia Northwestern Technical College.
- Continue education and training in the US Military.
- Students at The Dalton Academy may earn high school course credits while taking college courses through Georgia's dual-credit program, Move on When Ready. These college courses are free to Georgia students and do not diminish the availability of HOPE Scholarship funds after graduation. Benefits of enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses include graduating from college early, reducing the total cost of college, and potentially earning college certificates or degrees while still in high school. Students at The Dalton Academy typically take dual enrollment classes at Dalton State College and/or Georgia Northwestern Technical College.

POTENTIAL SALARIES

Sample job specialties with the required education and salaries in Georgia:

Occupation Specialties	Entry Level	2012 Wage	Annual Jobs Avail
Pre-School Teacher	Associate's	\$24,500	732
Teacher's Assistant	High School	\$18,800	1670
Education Admin: Preschool and Childcare Center	Advanced Degree	\$43,900	70

FOR MORE INFORMATION

National Association for the Education of Young Children

<https://www.naeyc.org/>

Childhood Education International

<https://ceinternational1892.org/>

Child Care Aware of America

<https://www.childcareaware.org/>

