

Early Childhood Education

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The Early Childhood Education program at Northwest Florida State College is a two year program of study leading to an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Early Childhood Education. Students may also complete college credit certificates in Preschool, Infant/Toddler, Child Care Center Management and Child Development/Early Intervention while completing the A.S. degree requirements. The program provides students with the educational background necessary to implement developmentally appropriate practices in a high quality early childhood education program. The NWF State College program includes content in child development, nutrition, health and safety, classroom teaching practices, assessment of young children, working with families, guidance and discipline, and administration in early childhood education settings.



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WHAT IS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHER?

An early childhood education teacher provides educational programming to children in the years before formal schooling. Early childhood education teacher classroom settings include private and public childcare programs, Head Start, military childcare programs, private and public preschools, and pre-Kindergarten programs. Responsibilities include maintaining a safe and healthy environment, planning and implementing the daily program, completing developmental assessments on young children, and communicating with families.

JOB OUTLOOK

Students completing the A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education at NWF State College will complete all course requirements for the Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) and the Florida Director Credential. Early Childhood teachers may advance to administrative positions in child care/early education programs. There is currently a regional shortage of Early Childhood Education teachers.

SALARY RANGE

Median annual earnings of early childhood teachers were \$21,489 in 2016. The middle 50 percent earned between \$15,006 and \$30,773. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$14,500 and the highest 10 percent earned \$42,513. ¹

NWF CLASS OPTIONS

Day
Evening
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Online Courses

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ADMISSIONS

To apply online visit www.nwfsc.edu/admissions. You must:

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Request official transcripts from high school, GED or any postsecondary institution attended
- Complete NWF State College general admissions and residency forms
- Meet with an academic advisor to plan a program of study before enrolling in classes
- See additional admission requirements on the website; go to <http://www.nwfsc.edu>.

FINANCIAL AID

The mission of NWF State College is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. NWF State College offers an extensive financial aid program. More than \$21 million in financial assistance is awarded to NWF State College students annually through federal, state, and local grants, college work-study, loans and scholarships. For detailed information on financial aid and a complete list of available scholarships, refer to the NWF State College catalog, the NWF State College Financial Aid Office or visit the Financial Aid website at www.nwfsc.edu/financialaid. Local scholarships are available through the NWF State College Foundation. For more information call 729-5370.

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¹ Information provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job outlook and salary range reflect national trends.

SIX LOCATIONS OF NWF STATE COLLEGE

Niceville Campus	Hurlburt Field Center
Fort Walton Beach Campus	Robert L. F. Sikes Education Center
Chautauqua Center	South Walton Center