

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 NWFSC 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 NWFSC 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 \$27,490. The middle 50 percent earned between \$22,640 and \$30,100. The lowest 10 percent earned \$18,540 and the highest 10 percent earned \$37,430. ¹

NWFSC CLASS OPTIONS

Day
Evening
Weekend
Hybrid and
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 NWFSC general admissions and residency forms
- Meet with a Student Success Navigator to plan a program of study before enrolling in classes
- See additional admission requirements on the website; go to www.nwfsc.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

The mission of NWFSC is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. NWFSC offers an extensive financial aid program. More than \$21 million in financial assistance is awarded to NWFSC 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 NWFSC catalog, the NWFSC Financial Aid Office or visit the Financial Aid website at www.nwfsc.edu/financialaid. Local scholarships are available through the NWFSC 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 NWFSC

Niceville Campus

Fort Walton Beach Campus

Chautauqua Center

Hurlburt Field Center

Robert L. F. Sikes Education Center

South Walton Center

Northwest Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Northwest Florida State College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).