

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Early Childhood & Care Education



This Program of Study may serve as a graduation guide for the next four plus years, along with other career planning and educational materials. Courses listed in this model may include recommended coursework and should be individualized to students' educational and career goals. Each graduation plan needs to meet minimum high school graduation requirements. Dual Enrollment courses can be high school academic and/or career technical education courses.

SECONDARY:				
COURSE/ GRADE	NINTH	TENTH	ELEVENTH	TWELFTH
ENGLISH	9 th grade Lit/ Composition	10 th grade Lit/ Composition	American Lit/ Composition	World Lit/ Composition / British Lit
MATHEMATICS	Coordinate Algebra / Algebra I	Analytic Geometry / Geometry	Advanced Algebra / Algebra II	Pre-calculus
SCIENCE	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics
SOCIAL STUDIES	World History	Psychology	US History	Government (½ unit) Economics (½ unit)
PATHWAY COMPLETER	Early Childhood Education I	Early Childhood Education II	Early Childhood Education III	Another course in focus area, Work-Based Learning, or Youth Apprenticeship
Industry Recognized Credential (Pathway Completer)		Visit the End of Pathway Assessment Page (see note below)		
Required/ Selective Electives	Health & Personal Fitness (can be taken in grades 9-12)	Financial Literacy	Sociology	Introduction to Business and Technology
	Modern Language/Latin <i>2 units required for admissions to Georgia University System Colleges/Universities</i> For a listing of Modern Language/Latin courses offered at your high school, please contact your advisor, counselor, or curriculum handbook.		Other Electives For a listing of other elective courses offered at your high school, please check with your advisor, counselor, or curriculum handbook.	

Postsecondary Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University System of Georgia Institutions: Admissions Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACT or SAT For More Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the institution of your choice OR Technical College System of Georgia Placement Exam United States Military <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASVAB Assessment Use BRIDGE Law platform to inform decisions on postsecondary opportunities Dual Enrollment Earning high school course credits while taking college courses 	Early Childhood and Care Education Career Pathway Completers - Industry Credentialing for High School Students Upon completion of sequenced courses in the Early Childhood and Care Education Pathway, students are eligible to complete the Industry-Recognized student credential for fulfillment of the End of Pathway Assessment. Secondary students completing the Early Childhood and Care Education pathway will be able to sit for the National Industry Credentialed assessment offered on-line from CDA, ELCCT, and NOCTI. Once mastery is reached, students will receive recognition for completion and use this credential in conjunction with their job or continuing training. For specific assessment information, refer to: http://bit.ly/EducationTraining
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Early Childhood and Care Education Pathway Description

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. They also work with students individually. They are responsible for planning, evaluating, and assigning lesson plans, preparing, administering, grading tests, and maintaining discipline.

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. Teachers often work with students from varied ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds. With growing minority populations in most parts of the U.S., teachers must work effectively with a diverse student population.

All 50 states require public school teachers to be licensed, have a bachelor's degree, and have completed an approved teacher training program with a prescribed number of subject and education credits, as well as supervised practice teaching. Teachers must also continually update their skills, so they can instruct and use the latest technology in the classroom.

Most states do not require licensure of teachers in private schools. Licensure requirements for preschool teachers also vary by state. Georgia Pre-K teachers must meet current credential requirements outlined in Georgia's Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines and attend annual Pre-K training. Requirements for public preschool teachers are usually more stringent than those for private preschool teachers. Most job openings will result from replacing the large number of teachers expected to retire over the next several years. Job prospects should be better in inner cities and rural areas than in suburban districts.

Sample In Demand Careers in Georgia				
Occupation Specialties	Level of Education Needed	Georgia Average Salary	Annual Average Openings in Georgia	2018-2024 Employment Outlook
Pre-School Teachers	Associates Degree	\$29,850	1,820	In Demand, High Skill
Teacher Assistants	Diploma, some postsecondary	\$20,510	4,900	In Demand
Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program	Advanced Degree	\$40,740	170	In Demand, High Skill
Childcare Workers	High School Diploma	\$19,830	4,380	In Demand
Related Pathway Occupations		Other Related Occupations		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Administrators Preschool & Childcare Center Instructional Coordinators Childcare Workers Pre-School Teachers Teacher Assistants 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Counselors Librarians School Psychologists Instructors, all subject areas 		



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NOTE: Students have many options to **ENTER** and **EXIT** from their academic studies into the workforce. When a student graduates from high school, they are eligible to choose one of many **ENTRANCE POINT** options: **1.** Enroll in either a 2 or 4 year post-secondary program; **2.** Enroll in an apprenticeship program or the military; or **3.** Enter the workforce using technical skills learned in high school. When a student finishes a 2- or 4-year degree program, they may choose to **EXIT** and **1.** Enroll in an apprenticeship program or the military; **2.** Enroll in a professional university degree program; or **3.** Enter the workforce using technical skills learned.

POSTSECONDARY:

	TCC	DIPLOMA OR AAS	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
Entrance/Exit Point	<p>CD61 TCC Child Development Specialist *: ECCE 1101 - Introduction to Early Childhood Care and Education ECCE 1103 - Child Growth and Development ECCE 1105 - Health, Safety and Nutrition ECCE 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment EMPL 1000 - Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development</p>	<p>ECCE diploma (ECC2): Completion of EC31 and ECCE 1112 - Curriculum and Assessment ECCE 1113 - Creative Activities for Children ECCE 1121 - Early Childhood Care and Education Practicum, ECCE 2115 - Language and Literacy ECCE 2116 - Math and Science ECCE 2202 - Social Issues and Family Involvement, ECCE 2203 - Guidance and Classroom Management, COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computer Literacy ECCE 2245 - Early Childhood Care and Education Internship I ECCE 2246 - Early Childhood Care and Education Internship II Basic Skills courses: ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology MATH 1012 - Foundations of Mathematics</p> <p>ECCE degree (EC13): Completion of all ECC2 requirements except the basic skills courses and completion of 15 credit hours of general education core and the selection of one specialization. The specializations include Paraprofessional, Program Administration, Infant/Toddler Development, Family Child Care, School Age and Youth Care, Exceptionalities, or Arts Integration.</p>	<p>The University System of Georgia offers students' higher education options at 30 institutions throughout the state, providing a wide range of academic programming including certificates and associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral and professional degrees. https://apps.ds.usg.edu/or/ds/f?p=118:1:0</p>
Entrance/Exit Point			

Go to GAfutures at www.gafutures.org for more information about your education and career planning, including valuable financial information (grants and scholarships including HOPE Program, grants, and loans, FAFSA, and CSS forms).

Career Enhancement Opportunities	Career-Related Education Activities	Postsecondary Options:	Earning Postsecondary Credits While in High School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Awareness Career Exploration Instructional Related Connecting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work-Based Learning Employability Skill Dev. Cooperative Education Internship Youth Apprenticeship Clinicals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-Year Universities/Colleges 2-Year Colleges Technical Colleges State Registered Apprenticeships Special Purpose Schools On-the-Job Training Military 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual Enrollment Program Earn postsecondary credit while in high school You can complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry Credential Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) Associates of Applied Science Degree Bachelor's Degree Who can help? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents School Counselor Advisor