EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Impact Children’s Lives
As an educator, you have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of young children. Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program can help you launch or advance your career. In our program, you gain the knowledge and skills that are needed for success as an educator who can impact children’s lives by promoting the healthy development of physical, social, emotional, intellectual and language skills. Whether you’re pursuing a Certificate, Associate’s, or Bachelor’s degree, our online ECE programs can help you find the path that will prepare you to succeed as an educator.

Gain Specialized Knowledge to Provide the Best Care

Associate's Specializations
- **Special Needs**—Equip children who have special needs to be successful in the early childhood setting.
- **Child Development**—Build a foundation of knowledge for the high-quality care and education of young children.

Bachelor's Specializations
- **Leadership and Administration**—Manage a program or become a head teacher with advanced education and leadership skills.
- **Child Development**—Learn advanced techniques based on developmental research for each stage of early childhood.

Flexible Learning Options
With Flex Choice®, you can take advantage of competency-based education (CBE), which focuses on efficiency and relevancy by combining self-paced courses, self-directed assessments, and real-world scenarios.

Industry Credentials
Rasmussen College is a proud partner of the CDA and Council for Professional Recognition. During coursework, prepare to apply for the national Child Development Associate (CDA) credential through the Council for Professional Recognition. Students who hold a current national CDA credential may waive up to 12 credits when enrolling in ECE programs.

Our curriculum is aligned with national best practices in teacher preparation established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).*

*The Early Childhood Education programs at Rasmussen College are not accredited by the NAEYC Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation. Rasmussen College is not a partner of NAEYC and our programs are not sponsored or endorsed by NAEYC.

Graduates of Early Childhood Education programs at Rasmussen College are not eligible for licensure as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school. A Bachelor’s degree and a state teaching license are typically required to work as a teacher in a public school and some private school settings. States, municipalities, districts or individual schools may have more stringent licensing requirements. Students must determine the licensure requirements in the state and school in which they intend to work.

Childcare facilities and the states in which they are located establish qualifications for staff who work with children, and often implement guidelines regarding age, education, experience and professional development. Students must determine the licensure requirements for the state and facilities in which they work.

This program has not been approved by any state professional licensing body, and this program is not intended to lead to any state-issued professional license. For further information on professional licensing requirements, please contact the appropriate board or agency in your state of residence.
Your Early Childhood Education Career

Earn the credentials you need to help further your career. In our program, you enroll in major and core courses every step of the way so you are prepared to succeed in your industry.

To plan for your future, check out the career titles that coincide with our credentials and browse the growth and salary data projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.¹

### Early Childhood Education

- **CERTIFICATE**
  - 9 months²
  - BLS Career Options¹
    - Childcare Workers
  - BLS Growth Forecasts¹
    - Average Salary by Percentile:
      - 10th: **$16,900**
      - 25th: **$18,290**
      - 50th: **$20,320**
    - Projected New Jobs: 69,300
    - Projected Job Growth: 6%

- **ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE**
  - 18 months²
  - BLS Career Options¹
    - Preschool Teachers, except Special Education
  - BLS Growth Forecasts¹
    - Average Salary by Percentile:
      - 10th: **$19,130**
      - 25th: **$22,440**
      - 50th: **$28,570**
    - Projected New Jobs: 29,600
    - Projected Job Growth: 7%

- **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
  - 18 months²
  - BLS Career Options¹
    - Education Administrators, Preschool And Childcare Center/Program
  - BLS Growth Forecasts¹
    - Average Salary by Percentile:
      - 10th: **$28,890**
      - 25th: **$35,150**
      - 50th: **$45,670**
    - Projected New Jobs: 4,200
    - Projected Job Growth: 7%

### Shortest Time to Graduation

- **CERTIFICATE**
  - 9 months²
- **ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE**
  - 18 months²
- **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
  - 18 months²

### Questions?

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### Applied Learning

If you are pursuing an Associate’s degree, your work with young children is combined with online coursework for college credit during your field experience. Students who currently work in-field (e.g., nanny, preschool teacher, center director) may use their ECE setting to meet these requirements.

### Entrance Requirements

In addition to meeting all other Rasmussen College admission requirements, you will need to complete a criminal and background check prior to enrolling.

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² Completion time is dependent on transfer credits accepted and courses completed each term.
See rasmussen.edu/SID for information about educational debt, earnings, and completion rates.