The Early Childhood Teacher Academy program of study is a three (3) course Career & Technical Education (CTE) program that engages students in developing a realistic understanding of early childhood while exploring the importance and impact of teachers. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills needed to sustain their interest in the early childhood profession and cultivate the skills needed to be successful, thus creating a pipeline of high-quality students transitioning to the early childhood field. Students will understand the importance and uniqueness of early childhood and participate in classroom and field experiences. The program prepares students for a variety of careers in early childhood such as teacher, curriculum director, and administrator.

### Sequence of Courses:
- Human Growth & Development
- Early Childhood as a Profession
- Curriculum and Instruction in Early Childhood

### Early College Credit/Credentials:
- Praxis Early Childhood Education/ TECE / CPR/First Aid/AED
- up to 9 credits at Delaware State University
- up to 12 credits at Delaware Technical Community College

### Work-Based Learning:
- Job Shadowing
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Workshops
- Mentorships

### Certificate
- Certificate Wage: $29,120
- Teacher’s Aide
- Delaware Technical Community College

### Associates Degree
- Associates Wage: $38,760
- Early Childhood Educator
- Delaware Technical Community College

### Bachelor’s Degree
- Bachelor’s Wage: $60,600
- Elementary Childhood Administrator
- Delaware State University
- University of Delaware
- Wilmington University

#### Jobs and Salary ranges are sources from the U.S. Department of Labor

### Where to find this Pathway:
- Appoquinimink High School
- Brandywine High School
- Caesar Rodney High School
- Concord High School
- Dover High School
- McKean High School
- Middletown High School
- Mount Pleasant High School
- Polytech High School
- Smyrna High School
- William Penn High School

### Ready to get started?
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