




**Career Cluster: Education & Training**

**Career Pathway: Early Childhood Development**

<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
<b>EXPLORER COURSES:</b> Choose one or more of the following courses to see if this would be a career you would enjoy.			
Career & Life Planning (1 year)			
<b>CONCENTRATOR COURSES:</b> Completed after an Explorer course. Helps you discover what area of the field you would like to specialize in.			
World of Children (1 semester)		Family Studies (1 semester)	
Parenting & Child Development (1 semester)			
<b>COMPLETER COURSES:</b> Must have completed an Explorer and a Concentrator course before taking this course.			
Early Childhood Education Foundations (1 year)		Early Childhood Education Lab (1 year)	
<b>PATHWAY SEQUENCE:</b> Suggested order of courses.			
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Career & Life Planning	World of Children	Family Studies	Early Childhood Education Foundations
	Parenting/Child Development		Early Childhood Education Lab
<b>SUPPORTING COURSES:</b> Courses outside of the pathway that would be very helpful in your career.			
Culinary Essentials	Teaching as a Career	Teaching Internship	Teaching Observation
<b>STUDENT ORGANIZATION OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
FCCLA		Contact: Mrs. Delforge	
<b>CERTIFICATION &amp; COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
Articulation Agreement with Butler			
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</b>			
There are several options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.			
	<b>1 - Year Certificate</b> Avg. Salary: \$22,400	<b>2 - Year Assoc. or Tech. Degree</b> Avg. Salary: \$31,300	<b>4 - Year Bachelor's Degree</b> Avg. Salary: \$49,300
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Teacher Assistant</li> <li>➤ Childcare Provider</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Butler: Early Childhood Certificate</li> <li>➤ Cowley: Child Care Certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preschool Teacher Assistant</li> <li>➤ Preschool Teacher (non-certified)</li> <li>➤ Daycare Manager</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Butler: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education Transfer Pathways</li> <li>➤ Cowley: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education Transfer Pathways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Elementary Education Teacher</li> <li>➤ Special Education Teacher</li> <li>➤ Social Worker</li> </ul> <b>Local Institutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WSU: Early Childhood, &amp; Elementary Education</li> <li>➤ Newman: Early Childhood &amp; Elementary Education</li> <li>➤ Friends: Early Childhood &amp; Elementary Education</li> </ul>

**North Career Paths  
Career Pathway Chart**



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**Course Descriptions**

**Career and Life Planning (7605) – 1 semester**

Students will develop skills and strategies to become focused, productive individuals. This course is ideal for the college-bound and career-oriented student who will be learning to make decisions and life choices for living on his/her own. Course concepts include career and lifestyle management, goal setting, decision-making, problem solving, time management, energy and stress management, conflict resolution and coping strategies. Students will explore various career choices.

**World of Children (7900) – 1 semester**

Students will learn about the physical, mental, emotional, and social growth and development of children ages three to six. Typical topics include providing healthy environments, evaluating childcare settings; and the practices, regulations, and opportunities in the child care industry. Advanced topics may include various learning theories; development of activities; recognition of childhood diseases, abuse, and neglect; and first aid/emergency training.

**Parenting and Child Development (7600) – 1 semester**

Students study human growth and development and the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of children and individuals from conception throughout the life span with emphasis on awareness of the special responsibilities of parenting and discipline of child rearing. Students learn to observe, record, compare, research, and discuss behavior of children as a means toward understanding.

**Family Studies (7820) – 1 semester**

Students will study social, emotional and physical growth during major life stages. Emphasis will be placed on awareness of self in relation to family members and peers. Units will include understanding stress, elements in a changing self and examining personal decisions in areas such as drug use and AIDS/STD's, human sexuality, family life, crises, and accessing community and personal resources.

**Early Childhood Education Foundations (7611/7612) – 1 year**

Prerequisite: World of Children or Parenting. Learn work skills with children in an early childhood setting. Student must be at least 16 by September 1, pass a KBI background check, and obtain a health physical and TB test, with a negative reading. See Mrs. Robinson for health form. Must Also Enroll In ECE Lab 7613/7614. This class provides students with knowledge about the physical, mental, emotional, and social growth and development of children from conception to pre-school age, emphasizing the application of this knowledge in childcare settings. These courses typically include related topics such as the appropriate care of infants, toddlers, and young children.

**Early Childhood Education Lab (7613/7614) – 1 year**

Prerequisite: World of Children or Parenting. Learn work skills with children in an early childhood setting. Student must be at least 16 by September 1, pass a KBI background check, and obtain a health physical and TB test, with a negative reading. See Mrs. Robinson for health form. Students work as aides/caregivers, assisting with children's activities in the school's Child Development Center.

**Community Connections 7633—1 semester**

FACS focused learning experiences enhancing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills by conducting services for the community. 1 year FACS Pathway courses.