

Child Care Career Skills

Get ready to help make children happier and more successful in life. This course shows you how to care for children in a home-based facility, a play group or full-service preschool. You'll gain insights into children's growth and development, and learn about age-appropriate activities, nutrition, socialization and much more.

Career Profile

Experience the unconditional love children characteristically bestow as you help them to develop unique personalities and build the foundation necessary to becoming happy and productive individuals.

Employment Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor expects **248,000 new child care jobs*** will be added in the next few years and a career in childcare offers you a variety of options. For example:

- 35% of child care workers are self-employed
- 60% work in child care centers and preschools
- The remaining 5% work in community organizations, religious facilities, state and local government or corporate on-site child care centers

What You Need

A love of young children. There are no prerequisites for this course.

What You Get

- Illustrated textbooks and study guides
- Tutorial assistance and open-book exams
- Convenient online student support
- Career and time management guides

Plus:

- Supplements:
 - Introduction to First Aid with First Aid Kit*
 - Introduction to Pediatric CPR*
 - Starting an At-Home Child Care Business*
- Slide Guides:
 - Baby Care*
 - First Aid for Children*
- Marker board and marker
- Upon graduation, we'll send you a useful first aid kit and dry erase board

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009

Course Outline

- Lesson 1: Providing a Safe Learning Environment
- Lesson 2: Providing a Healthy Learning Environment
- Lesson 3: Providing a Developmentally Appropriate Learning Environment
- Lesson 4: Early Care and Education: Past, Present and Future
- Lesson 5: Stages of Early Childhood Development
- Lesson 6: Expectations of the Early Childhood Professional
- Lesson 7: Children Don't Come with Directions
- Lesson 8: Creating and Evaluating and Early Childhood Environment
- Lesson 9: Planning to Play
- Lesson 10: Planning for the Mind
- Lesson 11: Planning for the Heart and Soul
- Lesson 12: Issues and Trends in Early Childhood



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