



Child Care Professional Training



Working with children and young people is a rewarding, challenging, and fun career with the potential to change lives for the better. Those who work with children play an important role in their development—socially, physically, intellectually, creatively, and emotionally.

What is the job outlook for child care professionals?

Employment of child care workers is expected to grow by 20 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Pay varies with the worker's education and work setting. Those in formal child care settings and those with more education usually earn higher wages. (source: www.bls.gov/ooh).

What credentials can I earn through HCC's program?

Maryland has a complex child care licensing and credentialing system. The basic requirements to become licensed as a family provider are completion of 24 hours of approved course work. To become credentialed as a teacher, the minimum number of hours is 90. The courses for credentialing are often referred to as Childcare I (45 hours) and Childcare II (45 hours).

Requirements for Child Care and Equivalent HCC Courses

- **Child Care Teacher Preschool** = Childcare Certification I and Childcare Certification II (90 hours)
- **Child Care Teacher Infant/Toddler** = Childcare Certification I and Infant/Toddler Care (90 hours)
- **Child Care Teacher School Age** = Childcare Certification I and School Age Curriculum (90 hours)
- **Child Care Director** = One of the Child Care Teacher courses (Preschool, Infant/Toddler, or School Age) with Childcare Administration. If a center has multiple age groups, the director must have that curriculum class as well. Note: An A.A. in early childhood education is required for a director unless enrollment is less than 40 children. (90+ hours)
- **Family Child Care Provider** = Family Child Care Preservice, SIDS, and Emergency Preparedness

What courses are available?

Child Care Certification I: Growth and Development

This course satisfies half of the MSDE requirement of 90 hours for child care teachers and directors and also satisfies the nine-hour communication skills requirement.

Child Care Certification II: Curriculum

This course meets the Maryland Office of Child Care requirements to obtain a license as a senior staff member in a Maryland pre-school caring for children between the ages two and six.

Infant/Toddler Care

This certification course satisfies the MSDE requirement of 45 hours of infant-toddler training for child care teachers, directors, and family providers working with infants and toddlers, and also satisfies the nine-hour communication skills requirement.

School Age Child Care: Curriculum

Medication Administration for Child Care Providers

This course teaches child care providers information about administering medication to infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children to ensure safe and accurate administration of oral, topical, inhaled, and emergency medications to infants and children.

How do I register?

Students can register online or by phone, fax, or mail. To learn more, call 240-500-2236 or go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/coned/register.