Early Childhood Education

Pathway Description:
The early childhood education pathway prepares students to interact intentionally with children ages zero to eight. Coursework from the pathway classes focuses on developmentally appropriate practice and research-based teaching strategies.

Key Competencies:
- Learn to plan and execute learning opportunities rooted in the interest areas of children
- Develop lessons aligned with site curriculum goals

Courses (HS Credits):
Year 1: 4029 Exploring FCS Pathways (2)
Year 2: 4000 Individuals & Families (1)
Year 3: 4619 Intro to Early Childhood Education (1)
        4620 Child Health, Safety, and Nutrition (1)
        X081 Internship (2)
Year 4: 4621 Early Childhood Curriculum I (1)
        4622 Early Childhood Guidance (1)
        X082 Internship (2)

College Credits: 12

Annual National Average Salary for Preschool Teacher: $28,400

Career Opportunities:

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