EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

CAREER GUIDE

How to Use This Guide

- 1. Identify Your Path: Determine which area of Early Childhood Education interests you most.
- 2. Follow the Educational Path: Enroll in the corresponding VGCC programs and complete the necessary coursework.
- 3. Pursue Entry-Level Positions: Gain experience through practicums or entry-level jobs while still in school.
- 4. **Advance Your Career:** Use the career ladder to plan your progression from entry-level to expert positions.

EXPERT 5+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

ADVANCED 3-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE

MID-LEVEL
1-3 YEARS EXPERIENCE

ENTRY-LEVEL

CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR/OWNER/OPERATOR

\$31,960+/year EDUCATION

Early Childhood Associate Degree/EC
Administration Certificate/Bachelor's Degree

EARLY CHILDHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) SPECIALIST

\$42,900/year EDUCATION Bachelor's *Degree*

MANAGER \$62,171+/year

REGIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

\$62,171+/year EDUCATION Bachelor's *Degree*

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PRE-K) TEACHER

\$24,120-\$45,010/year EDUCATION Bachelor's *Degree*

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CENTER-BASED)

\$35,910-\$54,290/year EDUCATION Early Childhood Associate Degree/EC Administration Certificate/Bachelor's Degree

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

\$45,157-\$53,206/year
EDUCATION
Early Childhood Associate Degree/Bachelor's
Degree

ASSISTANT TEACHER (CENTER-BASED)

\$21,560-\$37,490/year EDUCATION Early Childhood Associate Degree

LEAD TEACHER (CENTER-BASED)

\$24,120-\$45,010/year EDUCATION Early Childhood Associate Degree

AFTER SCHOOL TEACHER

\$21,570-\$30,520/year EDUCATION Early Childhood Associate Degree

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER

\$26,166 - \$44,824/year EDUCATION Early Childhood Administration Certificate/Early Childhood Associate Dearee

INFANT-TODDLER CARE TEACHER/TEACHER ASSISTANT

\$\$22,901 - \$29,786/year
EDUCATION
Infant Toddler Certificate
Early Childhood Associate Degree

FLOATER

\$23,720-\$40,560/year
EDUCATION
General Early Childhood
Certificate/Early Childhood
Associate Degree

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 ${\tt Data Sources: Median salary ranges for NC by position based on information from \underline{{\tt O-Net}} \ on line.}$

These are general examples of positions that might be found in this career track. Actual positions and salaries vary depending on the industry and individual company.