



WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?

Early Childhood Education (ECE) is a branch of education theory that designed for individuals interested in teaching and working with children from from birth until approximately the age of 8. ECE focuses on the activities and experiences that affect the educational development of children. There are various programs that represent early childhood education some of which include transitional kindergarten, preschool, and pre-kindergarten.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Collaborating with others
• Helping others
• Teaching
• Training others
• Developing others
• Thinking creatively
• Leading
• Creating lesson plans

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SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Patience
• Creativity
• Flexibility
• Leadership
• Communication
• Multitasking
• Classroom management
• Cultural competence
• Good judgement and decision making

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The Early Childhood Education major is housed under the Child Development Department at Los Angeles Valley College. This department provides students with the knowledge and experiences necessary to work as a teacher in a variety of early childhood settings. Students will be able to develop, implement and evaluate developmentally appropriate curriculum that fosters young children's emotional, cognitive and physical development. LAVC offers the following degrees and certificates:

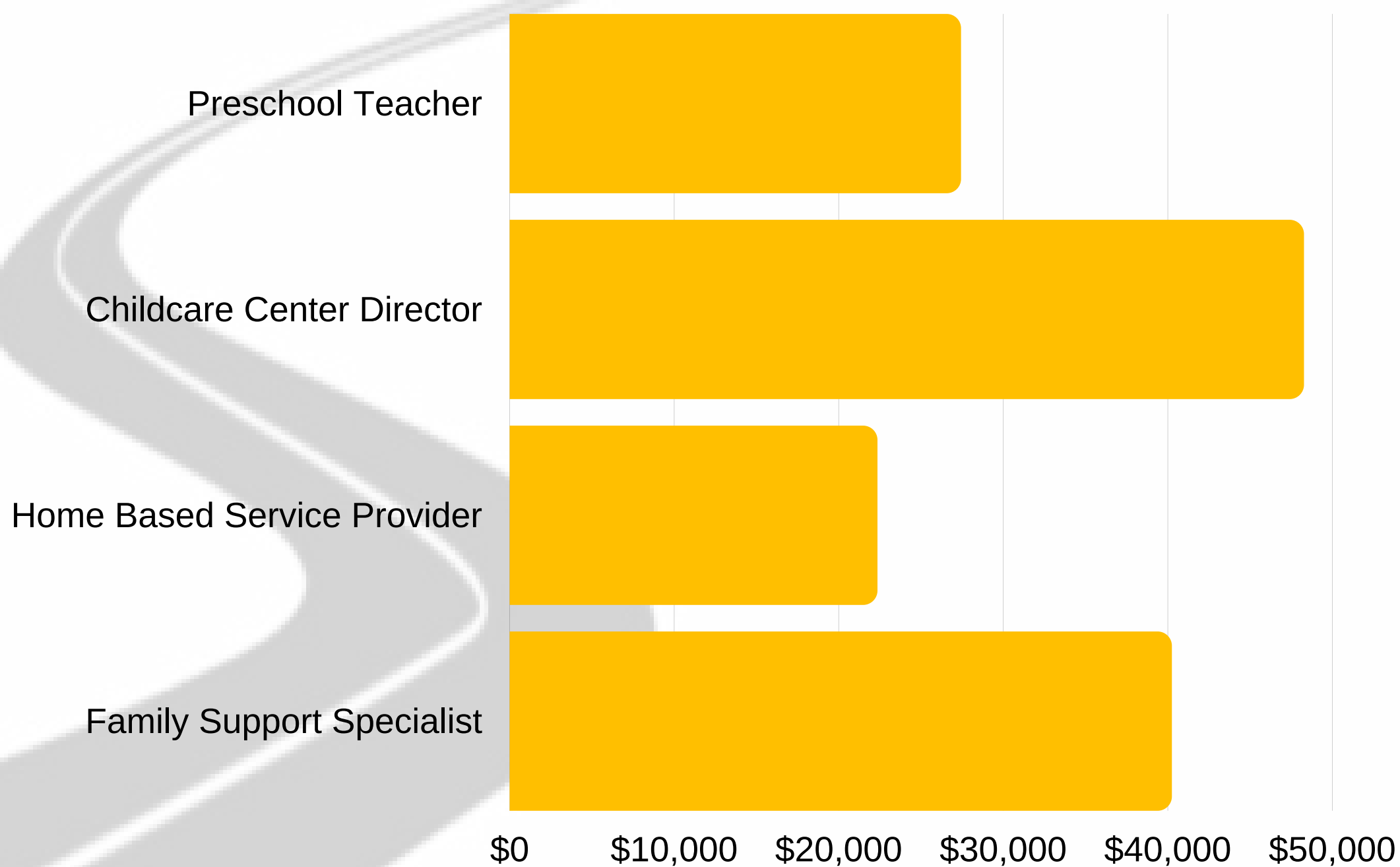
- Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Early Childhood Education
• Associate of Arts (AA) in Early Childhood Education
• Associate of Arts (AA) in Child Development
• Associate of Arts (AA) in Child Development: Special Education
• Certificate of Achievement in Child Development:
o Associate Teacher, Preschool (A)
o Director, Preschool (B)
o School Age Programs Teacher, Day Care (C)
o Infant/Toddler Care Teacher (D)
o Teacher

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- Chico State: Child Development
• CSU Dominguez Hills: Child Development
• CSU Fullerton: Child and Adolescent Development
• CSU Los Angeles: Child Development
• CSU Northridge: Child and Adolescent Development - Early Childhood Development
• CSU Sacramento: Child Development



EARNINGS*



*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.lavc.edu/transfer
- <http://lavc.edu/childdevelopment/degrees-certificates/AS-T-in-Early-Childhood-Education.aspx>
- www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html
- www.assist.org
- www.eureka.org
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.onetonline.org
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Transitional kindergarten teacher
- Preschool teacher
- Kindergarten teacher
- Elementary school teacher
- Childcare center director
- Home based service provider
- Family support specialist
- Life skills therapist
- Social worker
- Tutor



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Childcare centers
- Public and private schools
- Non-profits childcare organization
- Early childhood programs
- Head Start
- Unified school districts
- Extended school programs
- Foster youth agencies
- Adoption agencies

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