

Careers in Education

Career Options:

Teacher Aide/Teacher Assistant: Provide support for teachers and may tutor students, supervise students, record grades, and prepare instructional materials.

Child Care Assistant: Nurture and teach preschool children and provide them with basic care.

Child Care Director: Responsible for the day-to-day management in preschools and childcare centers.

Duties can include training and supervising staff and teachers, developing academic programs, recordkeeping, budgeting, and visiting with parents about concerns.

Preschool /Head Start Teacher: Develop the abilities, social skills and understanding of preschoolers through language, communication, play, art, music, and other creative activities.

Skills and Abilities:

- Enjoy working with children or teenagers
- Enjoy teaching others
- Patient
- Creative
- Outgoing personality

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Preschool Teacher

Child Care Director

Middle School Teacher

Salary Range: \$8 - \$24/hr

\$16,000 - \$50,000

Working Conditions:

- Usually work a standard 40-hour week in a classroom, with some work outdoors supervising recess or field trips
- Daily schedule is typically fast-paced with new activities and challenges daily
- May require constant standing, walking, bending, stooping and lifting
- Work can be very rewarding but stressful as well
- Criminal background check is usually required

Certificate of Proficiency
Early Childhood Paraprofessional

Salary Range: \$6 - \$9/hr

\$12,000 - \$18,000/yr

Earning Power*

Teacher Aide	\$14,000 - \$18,000
Child Care Assistant	\$12,000 - \$14,000
Preschool Teacher	\$16,000 - \$29,000
Child Care Director	\$33,000 - \$38,000
Middle School Teacher	\$34,000 - \$50,000

* Salary ranges are estimates only; actual salary may vary.

For More Information:

If you'd like to know more about how to get started on a path to a new career, stop by our office at 2304 W. 29th Ave. in Pine Bluff, or give us a call at 870.535.6233.

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Before You Begin:

Assessment

Assessment of financial aid and support services needs, career interests and aptitudes assessment, and an academic skill assessment.

Individual Career Plan

Develop an Individual Career Plan that serves as a road map with short and long-term goals and taking you from choosing a career to becoming employed to reaching your short and long-term career goals.

Basic & Workplace Education

Some students may need to work on their basic and workplace education skills before starting a job or entering college.

A student's Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) score is used to determine the need for GED certification, Adult Education, Basic Skill Training, and WAGE certification.

Portfolio Credit*

Get a jump start on your education by turning your life and work experience into college credit. Students can earn up to 15 credits for technical courses identified with an (*) for education and learning acquired outside the classroom.

The Career Options	The Money You Can Earn	The Training You'll Need
<p>The Career</p> <p>Early Childhood Paraprofessional</p>	<p>The Money</p> <p>\$6 to \$9 an hour \$1,200 to \$1,500 per month \$12,000 - \$18,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training</p> <p>Earn a Child Development Associate Technical Certificate Take courses in: Intro to Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Education Field Experience Essential Elements of Child Care* Child Growth & Development*</p>
<p>The Career</p> <p>Preschool Teacher Child Care Director Middle School Teacher</p>	<p>The Money</p> <p>\$8 to \$24 an hour \$1,300 to \$4,000 per month \$16,000 - \$50,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training</p> <p>Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree Take courses in: English Composition College Algebra Foundations of Early Childhood Education Child Growth & Development* Essential Elements of Child Care* Art, Music, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science for Preschool Children</p>