

Did you know?

Careers in Education

Program Description:



The Careers in Education program provides high school students with the opportunity to work with learners in the community under the direction of teaching professionals while experiencing the field of teaching. It teaches students skills useful for careers as educators as well as community leaders. This program brings together many segments of the community including students of various levels and teachers, as well as other professionals involved in education. The Professions in Education program operates Kid's World Preschool in which the students work directly with children ages three to five years old in a laboratory setting. Students learn age appropriate activities and behaviors for preschool age children. Students can also be placed on work-based learning to utilize these skills learned. Students earn certification in CPR, First Aid, and AED; they can receive their Child Development Associate (CDA), a widely known credential; and have the opportunity to receive articulated credits from local colleges and universities giving them a head start on their college success.

This program is for those students interested in the following career exploration:

- ✓ Elementary Teachers
- ✓ Early Childhood Educators
- ✓ School Psychologists
- ✓ Para Professionals
- ✓ Working in Schools

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping-stone on the path of career advancement in ECE. Earning the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential has many advantages, including exposure to the larger community of early childhood educators.

Program Highlights:

- ✓ Working hands-on with preschool-aged children
- ✓ Work-based learning three days a week
- ✓ Creating engaging lesson plans and portfolios for children
- ✓ Learning to execute a lesson plan
- ✓ Obtaining CDA certification
- ✓ Operate an on-site preschool three days a week



Being in this class has given me the opportunity to be hands on with teaching. With it being hands-on, it really helped me get a sense of if I would like it or not; because of this I could potentially save myself money in college because I won't have to change my major if I ended up not liking it....it'll [also] give me credits, so I can use those towards my degree.

-Abigail, 2020

Meet your instructors:

Mrs. Jillian Steinman, Instructor

Jillian graduated from Central Michigan University with a Master's Degree in Education focusing on guidance and development. She has 11 years of experience working in the Careers in Education program as well as 4 years of experience teaching college courses. Jillian is also the Director and Lead Teacher of Kid's World Preschool. Her favorite part of teaching the Careers in Education program is the hands on daily learning that takes place and to see her students fall in love with learning and teaching.



Ms. Jeni Campbell, Paraprofessional

Jeni graduated from St. Clair Community College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Jeni has 20 years of experience working in the clinical and hospital setting and was also the nurse for Bad Axe Schools for 14 years. She has been a Paraprofessional for 7 years at the HATC. Her favorite part of the Careers in Education program is being able to work and interact with students.

What do students have to say?

I found my passion for teaching when I started at HATC in the Professions in Education program. Working with the children in the preschool made me realize that I wanted to become a teacher when I graduate.
-Brianna, 2020

In this program you learn the basics of what it takes to become a teacher. Because of this experience I feel prepared for my next adventure in college.

-Madison, 2020

Articulation Agreements

Articulation agreements are made between colleges and the HATC, which allows students to receive college credit at an institution for completing the HATC program.

The following agreements are in place for this program at this time:

[Delta College](#)
[Ferris State University](#)
Saint Clair County CC
[Mid-Michigan College](#)
[SVSU](#)
CMU

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