

General Program Description: The **Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Early Care and Education** is based upon an inclusive vision of high-quality services for all children. Mesa Community College (MCC) provides a sequence of lively, interactive classes and a variety of field experiences, which greatly expand the student's understanding of children. Unique student teaching opportunities are offered in the Evelyn H. Warren Child Development Lab, a multi-age preschool that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The **Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Early Care** curriculum prepares students for entry-level positions in early childhood programs, and the certificate credits apply toward the AAS in Early Care & Education. A transfer degree to the Early Childhood Teacher Education at NAU is also available.

State and National Certification: In Arizona to obtain a teacher-caregiver license, applicants must: be at least 18 years of age; and have a high school diploma or GED and six months of child care experience OR complete the N.A.C., C.D.A., C.C.P., or C.P.C. credential OR have an associate or bachelor degree from an accredited college in the areas of early childhood or child development.

Advancement options: Opportunities for advancement are limited. However, as child care workers gain experience, some may advance to supervisory or administrative positions in large child care centers or preschools. With a bachelor's degree, workers may become preschool teachers or become certified to teach in public or private schools. Some workers set up their own child care businesses.

Projected Job Growth: This occupation has a projected **30% growth rate over 10 years** (between 2003 and 2013) for the Greater Phoenix region. There are an average projected **272 job openings each year**, comprised of 200 new jobs and 72 positions vacated by individuals leaving the field (due to retirement, death, career changes, or other reasons). In addition to the increased demand, this occupation has a high turnover rate.

Location	Pay Period	Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2006 Salaries*		
		Entry-level	Median	Experienced
United States	Hourly	\$6.21	\$8.48	\$13.01
	Yearly	\$12,900	\$17,600	\$27,100
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$5.71	\$7.13	\$10.40
	Yearly	\$11,900	\$14,800	\$21,600
Arizona	Hourly	\$5.75	\$7.46	\$10.66
	Yearly	\$12,000	\$15,500	\$22,200

For more career information for Child care Workers visit:
www.bls.gov/oco, www.maricopa.edu/workforce,
<http://www.acinet.org/>, or
www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/

For MCC program information, contact
Richard Malena – 480-654-7720
Education Studies Department, Chair
 or visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/earlychild/>

*Labor market information provided by AZ Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wages will vary depending on the employer, location, hours worked, experience, responsibility and other factors. Career and Re-Entry Services will collaborate with academic and occupational program departments to develop internship and career experience opportunities.

Sample Job Titles: Child care Worker, Preschool Teacher

Types of Employers: Child care Centers, Nurseries, Pre-schools

Local Employers who posted related jobs on the Maricopa Career

Network: Arizona's Children Association, A Chile's View Preschool, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, A New Leaf, Alexander's Abilities, Inc, Scottsdale Childcare & Learning Centers

Professional Associations
National Child Care Association
<http://www.nccanet.org>

For current job openings, go to
Maricopa Career Network
<http://mcmaricopa.jobing.com/>.

Statewide Child care and Early
Education Development System (S*CCEEDS)
<http://www.asccaz.org/SCCEEDS/>

National Center for Teacher Education
http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/teachered/Ed_Programs.html

Child care Worker Overview At-A-Glance

- Usually care for children under five years old
- Interact regularly with children, parents, and coworkers
- May work early morning, day, or early evening hours
- May work part or full time
- Many have an associate or bachelor's degree
- May need to know CPR
- May need a license
- About 32 percent are self-employed

For additional information on Child care careers or to watch occupational videos, visit:

Arizona Career Information Systems (AzCIS)
www.azcis.intocareers.org
 User name: mesacc; Password: 4azcis02

Career Voyages
www.careervoyages.gov

Internships are supervised practical training in a short-term or temporary position with an emphasis placed on instruction, training, mentoring, networking and gaining applied work experience. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact Career and Re-Entry Services for internship information: 480-461-7430.

Internship Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. Contact the Center for Service- Learning for more information: 480-461-7393.

Service-Learning Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Transfer Options: Contact Transfer Services for more transfer information: 480-461-7452.

Career Assessments Completed:

Career Assessment / Results	Date Completed	Reviewed by

Career Readiness Workshops / Activities Completed:

Workshop Name / Activity	Date Completed	Follow Up Contact (s)
Resume Writing Workshop		
Resume completed and reviewed by:		
Participate in Mock Interview		
How To Prepare for a Career Fair		
Attend Career Fair / Job Expo Location:		
Joined Professional Association:		

MCC Career and Re-Entry Services
Providing Guidance for Career and Workplace Success

For more Career Profiles, visit
<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/careerprofiles.html>
 Meet with a Career Advisor in Bldg #36, Room SS5N - adjacent to the Kirk Student Center, 480-461-7430

