

## Early Childhood Pathway

### Ages:

- Infants and Toddlers
- Early Childhood (3 to 5 years)
- After School Programs

### Classroom Setting/Programs:

- Early childhood programs
- State and federal funded programs
- Infant/Toddler programs  
*Programs may be housed in center-based, home-based or public school settings*  
*Offered part-day, full-day or even year round schedule to / include summers*

### Teachers:

- Use knowledge of child development and their relationships with children and their families to understand children as individuals and to plan in response to their unique needs and potentials
- Design and implement developmentally appropriate learning experiences that integrate within and across disciplines
- Promote children's cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and linguistic development by organizing and orchestrating the environment in ways that best facilitate development and learning
- Systematically observe, monitor, and document children's activities and behaviors to individualize curriculum and learning goals
- Work with and through families and communities to support children's learning and development
- Work as leaders and collaborate in the professional community to improve programs and practices
- Regularly analyze, evaluate, and synthesize to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of their work

**Salary:** Varies depending on permit level and education completed. Entry level for private schools is about \$12-\$15 p/h.

### Education Needed:

State and federally funded programs require a BA degree \$27,000-\$40,000 a year.



### Disposition & Qualities Needed:

- Passion for teaching & learning
- Enthusiasm for Children
- Patience and Humor
- Communication & Listening Skills
- Creativity and Flexibility
- Ability to build caring relationships with students
- Friendliness & approachability
- Strong work ethic, excellent preparation & organization skills

### Education:

- Master's degree will provide additional opportunities

## Elementary Pathway

### Ages:

- TK: Transitional Kindergarten (4-5yrs old)
- Kindergarten
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Classroom Setting/Programs:

- Work during school hours
- Meet with parents, students and other teachers before and after school
- Spend time evenings and weekends preparing lessons, activities, and grading
- Public schools are 9 months with summer months off but some are year round
- Public and private schools

### Teachers:

- Assign & grade class work, homework, & tests
- Assess students for learning
- Create and maintain effective environments for student learning
- Establish a classroom environment that is safe, supportive, and positive learning environment for all students
- Use information about individual students' academic strengths, needs & progress in planning.
- Understand & organize subject matter for student learning
- Develop as a professional educator
- Design activities to engage students in cognitively challenging work aligned to standards
- Observe & evaluate students' performance, behavior, social development, & physical health
- Collaborate with other teachers and administrators in the development, evaluation, and revision of elementary school programs

**Salary:** Average is \$62,977; range typically falls between \$51,588 and \$74,696. Salary can vary widely depending on the city and factors including education, certifications, skills, etc.

### Education Needed:

Bachelor's Degree & Multiple Subject Credential  
*Transitional Kindergarten (TK):* Bachelor's Degree, Multiple Subject Credential & 24 units in Child Development / Early Childhood Education.