

Early Childhood Education

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Why Barton?

- Dedicated faculty with a passion for teaching and the process of learning.
- Cutting edge program ready to empower you to meet the demands and needs of today's world.
- Hands-on curriculum that will allow you to start building the tools needed for the career field.
- State of Kansas Early Learning Standards are embedded in Barton's curriculum.
- Professional development opportunities throughout the program, i.e. Child Education Fair, KAEYC, etc.
- High quality online classes with qualified instructors.
- Satellite program at North Central Kansas Technical College in Hays, Kansas.
- Technology in the classroom: Computer technology, interactive dvd's, iPods, etc.
- Complete teacher resource room available to all Early Childhood students.
- A hands-on, interactive, fun, play-based approach to learning with a purpose.
- Every day provides new and different learning opportunities.
- Watch and enjoy children learning through on-site practicum and internships.
- First hand infant, toddler and preschool sensory experiences.

Job possibilities with two-year degree:

- Paraprofessional in special education or Title 1 schools, professional nanny, family childcare provider, infant/toddler teacher, preschool teacher, Parents As Teacher educator, Head Start, after school program director, vacation or cruise ship children's activity director.

Job possibilities with four-year degree:

- Early Childhood Unified teacher (Birth to 8 years regular or special education), Head Start Teacher, Infant/Toddler or preschool special education teacher.

Work Environment:

- Children learn mainly through play and interactive activities. Teachers capitalize on children's play to further language and vocabulary development, improve social skills, and introduce scientific and mathematical concepts. Thus, a less structured approach, including small-group lessons, one-on-one instruction, and learning through creative activities is adopted to teach children. The process of helping children grow, learn, and gain new skills is very rewarding. New activities, challenges and flexibility make each day important. Early childhood education prepares one both physically and emotionally to work constantly with children at their level while attending to their interests and needs.

Occupational Outlook:

- Job prospects: There is a constant demand for highly qualified early childhood professionals. Qualified candidates who are interested in this line of work should gain employment easily.
- Wage Information: Median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$43,580 to \$48,690 in May 2006; the lowest 10 percent earned \$28,590 to \$33,070; the top 10 percent earned \$67,490 to \$76,100. Median earnings for preschool teachers were \$28,680. *Source: Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey Program*



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