







EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EDN 204 Exceptional Individual

Early Childhood Education AAS Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education (Gateways ECE Credential Level 5)

Professional Educator License

GUIDED TRANSFER PSY 212 Child Psychology or PSY 218 Human Growth & Development

Associate of Arts

Bachelor's in Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education

SELECTED OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, & JOB GROWTH

		Program	Typical Job	Near or Above Living Wage Threshold for 1 Adult + 1 Child ¹	Median Annual Wage ²	Growth in Illinois: Annual Job Openings ²	Growth in Illinois: % Change Over 10 years ²	Stackable?
		AAS Early Childhood Education	Preschool and Childcare Center/Program Teachers, Except Special Education	N	\$29,720	2,230	10%	Typically Stacks to Related Bachelor's Program at Select IL Universities
	1	AAS Paraprofessonal or Teaching Assistant	Teacher Assistants	N	\$27,310	6,090	5%	
		AA Early Childhood Education	Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/Program	Y	\$50,830	250	9%	Typically Stacks to Bachelor's Program
		AA Elementary Education	Elementary School Teachers	Y	\$60,250	4,330	4%	Typically Stacks to Bachelor's Program
	2	AA Secondary Education	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	Y	\$69,610	3,110	4%	
		AA Special Education	Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	Y	\$65,190	450	3%	

^{1.} Living wage calculations are based on MIT's Living Calculator (livingwage.mit.edu), where the "Living Wage" for 1 Adult + 1 Child is \$26.27/hour for the state of Illinois. "Near" defined as 85% of the statewide living wage, which is \$22.33/hour













^{2.} U.S. Department of Labor, CareerOnestop (careeronestop.org/explorecareers)