EARLY EDUCATION CAREER INSTITUTE

Explore College & Career Pathways

From Workforce Training to Registered Apprenticeship to College Degrees



Your Experience. Your Education. Your Future.

EECI helps early childhood professionals connect workforce training, Registered Apprenticeship, industry credentials, and higher education opportunities—so you can build on what you know and advance your career in early childhood education.

- **Gain Credentials**
- **Build College Credit Potential**
- **Advance Your Career**

Your Pathway to Career Advancement

1. Career Readiness & Foundational Education

Adult high school diploma • Career exploration • Foundational workforce skills

2. CDA & Pre-Apprenticeship Preparation

Child development • Professional competencies • CDA preparation

3. Registered Apprenticeship

315 RTI Hours

2,000 Supervised Occupational Learning Hours

EECI's 15-week related technical instruction component, plus separately documented workplace learning.

4. Prior Learning & College Credit Evaluation

Institutional review of transcripts, documented competencies, RTI, and supervised workplace learning.

Associate Degree
Early childhood education and related fields

Bachelor's Degree
Teaching, leadership, and related pathways

Built for Learners, Employers & Education Partners

For Students & Apprentices
Discover CDA preparation, apprenticeship opportunities, and degree progression options.

For Colleges & Universities
Explore articulation partnerships, prior learning assessment, and apprenticeship-to-degree pilots.

For Employers & Workforce Partners
Develop employee advancement pathways through Registered Apprenticeship and workforce funding.

Explore Financial Support

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) & Individual Training Accounts (ITA)
- Employer-Sponsored Training
- State Apprenticeship & Workforce Grants
- Missouri Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant (where eligible)
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Opportunities
- Veteran & Other Qualifying Benefits
- Self-Pay & Approved Payment Arrangements

How College Credit Consideration Works

EECI advocates for colleges to evaluate the entire documented apprenticeship pathway, not just the CDA course.

315 RTI Hours	2,000 Workplace Hours	Industry Credentials	Prior Experience
Instructional records, assessments & competencies	Supervised learning, work-process documentation & mentor verification	Credential records and completion documentation	Portfolio and evidence of demonstrated learning

Partner with EECI

Bring EECI to your college, workforce board, or employer table to explore a collaborative Apprenticeship-to-Degree Initiative.

Explore Partnership Opportunities →

Pathways are illustrative, not guaranteed admissions, credit awards, or degree equivalencies. Receiving colleges determine academic credit and transferability.