



# Take Care.

FOR THEIR FUTURE AND YOURS

**Early Care *and*  
Education Program**



Midlands  
Technical  
College

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## TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**MTC's Early Care *and* Education** program emphasizes a variety of learning styles and inclusive environments to meet the needs of all children. The program includes interactive classroom experiences as well as off-site experiences in a variety of child care and early education environments. Students will experience a variety of ages and curriculum models through site visits to nationally accredited child care facilities or public school child development programs.



## Build or advance your career.

If you want to begin a career as an early childhood professional, or if you currently work in that field and need to advance your skills, [MTC's Early Care and Education program is an ideal first step to achieving your goals](#). Whether you seek credentialing courses, certificates, a two-year associate degree, or you want to transfer to a four-year college or university, MTC has options to fit your needs.

## Courses that fit your schedule.

Midlands Technical College's Early Care and Education curriculum is perfect for both the [working professional and the traditional student](#). Day and evening courses are offered, and many classes can be taken during child care centers' naptimes. Courses are offered primarily on the Airport and Beltline campuses, but may also be offered at the Northeast, Harbison, Fairfield, and Batesburg-Leesville campuses.

## An investment in yourself.

Working toward your college degree is [one of the best things you can do for yourself and the children in your care](#). A college education lets others know you are serious about your career and sets you up for professional advancement and higher earning potential. If you dream of someday operating your own center, we have a special curriculum for that.

### Information for Current Child Care Professionals

#### **Turning your DSS training requirements into a college degree:**

You may know that the SC Department of Social Services (DSS) requires yearly upgrade training for child care professionals. But did you know that taking those courses at MTC will also put you on the road to a college degree or certificate? It's like making your yearly training requirements count toward the rest of your life.

**Courses to advance your skills and experience:** MTC has more than 24 stimulating and relevant classes in Early Childhood Development (ECD), each of which counts toward your DSS requirements. Early childhood education taught by MTC includes interactive classroom experiences, as well as visits to a variety of nationally accredited child care and early education environments.

**Scholarships to help you along the way:** If you work in a regulated child care program at least 30 hours a week, you may be eligible to receive a TEACH scholarship that covers 80 percent of your tuition. Visit the TEACH website at <http://sc-ccccd.net/TEACH/TEACH.html> for details about the scholarship.



## HOW TO GET STARTED:

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*I am a student seeking a career in early childhood development...*

**To enroll in an early childhood certificate or associate degree program:** Start by submitting a college application at [midlandstech.edu/admissions](http://midlandstech.edu/admissions). After submitting your application, be sure to follow all the steps to enrollment found on the Admissions website. If you have questions or need assistance, call (803) 822-3358.

*I currently work in early childhood development and want to take professional courses...*

**If you have not taken an early childhood class with MTC, your first class will be ECD 101:** Before taking this course, you'll need to submit a college application at [midlandstech.edu/admissions](http://midlandstech.edu/admissions) (or if you are on TEACH, you'll need to submit a paper application). If you have questions or need assistance, call 803-822-3358.

**If you have already taken ECD 101:** Before you can register for additional courses, you'll need to take the college's placement test and follow a few other steps to enrollment. For more information, call 803-822-3358.

**Learn  
more.**



*Visit [midlandstech.edu/ECD](http://midlandstech.edu/ECD) or call 803-822-3358 for more information.*

# Early Care *and* Education PROGRAM OPTIONS

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- **Associate Degree in Early Care and Education** (66 credit hours) – For child care teachers, directors, owners, and instructional assistants in public school early childhood classes
- **Associate in Arts Transfer** (62 credit hours) – For students interested in transferring to a four-year college

## CERTIFICATES

- **Child Care Certificate** (18 credit hours) – A good foundation for child care providers
- **Early Childhood Development Certificate** (27 credit hours) – Builds on the Child Care Certificate and is equivalent to the nationally recognized Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential
- **Special Needs Certificate** (27 credit hours) – Teaches the skills necessary to work with children with differing abilities and needs
- **Infant Toddler Certificate** (18 credit hours) – Best practices in infant/toddler care

## CREDENTIALING COURSES

- **ECD 101 – SC Early Childhood Credential** – Meets ABC requirement and all DSS hours for one year. Course focuses on the important aspects of growth and development, positive guidance techniques and developmentally appropriate activities.
- **SAC 101 – SC School Age Credential** – Meets ABC requirement and all DSS hours for one year. Course focuses on the skills necessary to work with school age children in out-of-school-time care.
- **Additional credentials are available through the Center for Child Care Career Development.**  
For more information, go to [www.sc-ccccd.net](http://www.sc-ccccd.net).



## CONTACT US

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*Visit us online at [midlandstech.edu/ECD](http://midlandstech.edu/ECD)*



Midlands Technical College's Early Care and Education program is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

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