Childcare providers are responsible for the care, safety and nutritional needs of young children, focusing on age appropriate activities. They provide a safe, caring and supportive environment, where the child feels inspired to learn through play during structured and open-ended activities. Keeping young children healthy and safe is the most important aspect of the job. Children in our “Tiny Tech” Preschool are 3-5 years of age.

Related Job Titles
Infant/toddler childcare caregiver
Preschool childcare caregiver
Pre-K childcare caregiver

Skills You Will Learn
*How to:*
- Perform Board of Health food service and safety procedures
- Perform Board of Health cleaning procedures
- Perform Board of Health Universal Precaution procedures
- Follow DYFS day care licensing requirements
- NAEYC guidelines for developing age appropriate curriculum

Preferred Skills for Career Field:
*You should be able to:*
- Follow safety procedures
- Effectively communicate
- Use child guidance techniques
- Have good time management skills
- Follow multi-step instructions
- Complete all tasks and assignments independently
- Follow professional dress code and workplace attitude

Career Ladder
After completing the two-year Child Care Professions class, graduates are eligible for full time employment in a child care/day care center. Graduates may also work towards their CDA and/or obtain a bachelor’s/master degree in education to become teachers or administrators.

Continuing Education
Ocean County College
CDA classes: Toddler CDA and/or Preschool CDA
Child Development Associates Certificate

Additional Information
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
1834 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20009
800-424-2460
[www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org)

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