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 feel 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.

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 DCF 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 Human Development & Childcare 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

An articulation agreement is in place with Farleigh Dickinson University, and Atlantic Cape Community College enabling students to receive college credits upon successful completion of the course and challenge exam.