

# Child Care Professions

Brick Center

2 Year Program

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**C**hildcare 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 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)

**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.**