

Build your career in Early Childhood Education

One block at a time

What if shaping your future starts by shaping theirs? Joining the field of early childhood education is more than an investment in yourself—it's an investment in your community and the little ones that shape its future. Wondering how to get started? Maybe you're still unsure if this is the right fit for you? Our EC Career Navigator can help you chart the best path forward and understand all your options.

WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?



As an Early Childhood Educator (ECE), you help develop children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills—**building a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning**. As children's brains undergo the greatest development between birth to 5 years old, you are vital to your students' success.



Entering this field is both accessible and affordable, with many entry-level positions requiring no previous education. **Scholarships** are available to get you started — as early as high school! The opportunities to grow your career through experience and education are endless.

- You're passionate about the future of young children
- You want to find ways to engage and give back to your community
- You have a heart for service and caring for others
- You are optimistic about the future—yours and your community's
- You embrace a culture of learning
- Flexibility is your middle name —you're able to adapt when necessary
- You embrace a spirit of play, knowing that young children learn best through play
- You have a child-like heart, open to wonder and curiosity

CONNECT WITH A CAREER NAVIGATOR



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OPTIONS TO GET STARTED

- **Scan the code to take a brief questionnaire.** Our Career Navigator will contact you to schedule a meeting (virtual or in-person).
- **Call or email** Navigator for information.
- **Walk-In Hours @ JI:** Wednesdays from 8:30 am–4:30 pm

