



# PROGRAM OF STUDY



Career Cluster: Human Services  
Development & Services

Career Cluster Pathway: Early Childhood

This Career Pathway Program of Study can serve as a guide along with other career planning materials as learners continue on a career path. Courses listed within this program are only recommended coursework and should be individualized to meet each learner's education and career goals. **Note:** Many items have links to external resources with more information.

REQUIRED CREDITS	GRADE	English/ Language Arts (4.0 credits)	Social Studies (2.5 credits)	Math (2.0 credits)*	Science (2.0 credits)	Fine Arts (1.0 credits)	Health/ Fitness (2.5 credits)**	Electives (6.5 credits)	Related Career & Technical / Occupational (1.0 credits)  Certificate and Tech Prep (notation on HS and TP alignment)	SAMPLE Occupations Relating To This Pathway  (*indicates job in high demand) (⊙ indicates a "green" job)
SECONDARY SAMPLE COURSE OFFERINGS	9	English 1 or Honors English 1	Pacific Northwest History (.5)	Algebra I  Geometry	Integrated Science or Adv Int Science		Health (.5)		<b>ASD CTE COURSE OPTIONS</b>  Digital Communications Digitools Foods and Nutrition American Sign Language I American Sign Language II Family Health Child/Parent Development Work Based Learning CTE Grad Project  <b>LEADERSHIP</b>  FBLA Skills USA  <b>TECH PREP ARTICULATIONS</b>  Digital Communications/Digitools – Grays Harbor College (3cr.)  <b>CERTIFICATION</b>  Work Readiness Credential	<b>Some Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Care Workers</li> <li>• Nanny</li> </ul> <b>Medium Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Assistant</li> </ul> <b>Considerable Preparation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Director of Childcare Facilities</li> <li>• Director of Childcare Facilities</li> <li>• Educator for Parents</li> <li>• Elementary School Counselor</li> <li>• Preschool Teacher</li> <li>• CTE Teacher</li> </ul>
	10	English 2 or Honors English 2	US History	<i>*Class of 2013 (add't 1.0 credit)</i>  Algebra II	Biology <u>or</u> AP Biology <u>or</u> Biotechnology <u>or</u> Horticulture <u>or</u> Natural Resources I			Elective courses (6.5)  <b>and</b>  Project Me  <b>and</b>  Other CAA requirements		
	11	English Electives or Business English	World History <u>or</u> Economics <u>or</u> Economics II	Pre-Calculus  Calculus	Credits from Art Courses  or  CTE Equivalent			Credits from Health and Fitness Courses  <b>**Successfully completing two years of physical education and one semester of health is required for high school graduation</b>		
	12	English Electives or Business English	World History <u>or</u> Economics <u>or</u> Economics II <b>and</b> CWP	CTE Equivalent  (Students must pass a math competency test or have four years of math credits)	Science Electives					

<b>Technical Certification</b> <i>(instruction provided through certified training and/or testing centers)</i>	<b>Apprenticeship Opportunities</b>	<b>2-yr or ATA Degree</b> <i>(Find specific colleges at <a href="http://www.checkoutacollege.com">www.checkoutacollege.com</a>)</i>	<b>4 –yr Degree or Advanced Training</b>
<p><b><u>Child Care Provider/Assistant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bates Technical College</li> <li>• Bellingham Technical College</li> <li>• Highline Community College</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Early Childhood Education and Teaching</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grays Harbor College and various other technical and community colleges</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Teaching Assistant/Aide</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellingham Technical College</li> <li>• Columbia Basin College</li> <li>• Green River Community College</li> <li>• Highline Community College</li> <li>• Lower Columbia College</li> <li>• Renton Technical College</li> <li>• Shoreline Community College</li> <li>• Skagit Valley College</li> <li>• Spokane Falls Community College</li> <li>• Tacoma Community College</li> <li>• Walla Walla Community College</li> <li>• Whatcom Community College</li> <li>• Yakima Valley Community College</li> </ul>	<p>To learn more about Apprenticeship, visit <a href="#">Labor and Industries</a> website.</p> <p>Follow these steps to learn about the specific apprenticeships available in this pathway:</p> <p><b>STEP 1:</b> Link to <a href="#">Apprenticeship Registration and Tracking System</a></p> <p><b>STEP 2:</b> Search by using key words below or the SOC code listed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Care Assistant (39-9011)</li> <li>• Child Care Site Coordinator (11-9031)</li> </ul> <p><b>STEP 3:</b> Click “View” and scroll down to find contact name and program standards for qualifications and how to apply</p>	<p><b><u>Child Care Provider/Assistant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bates Technical College</li> <li>• Peninsula College</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Early Childhood Education and Teaching</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grays Harbor College and various other technical and community colleges</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Teaching Assistant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellingham Technical College</li> <li>• Big Bend Community College</li> <li>• Centralia Community College</li> <li>• Clover Park Technical College</li> <li>• Edmonds Community College</li> <li>• Everett Community College</li> <li>• Green River Community College</li> <li>• Highline Community College</li> <li>• Lower Columbia Community College</li> <li>• Olympic Community College</li> <li>• Pierce College</li> <li>• Renton Technical College</li> <li>• Shoreline Community College</li> <li>• Skagit Valley College</li> <li>• South Puget Sound Community College</li> <li>• Spokane Falls Community College</li> <li>• Tacoma Community College</li> <li>• Walla Walla Community College</li> <li>• Whatcom Community College</li> <li>• Yakima Valley Community College</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>CTE Secondary Education Teacher</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Degree in a CTE program area with 2000 hours of related work experience</li> <li>• Industry Route Certificate requires 6000 hours of work experience in the field and completion of a state approved CTE Preparation Program along with passage of Basic Skills Math and English</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Education Administration and Supervision</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most 4yr colleges offer administrative masters and doctoral programs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pre-Elementary/Early Childhood/Kindergarten Teacher Education</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Washington University</li> </ul>

\*Data acquired from [www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com), [www.sbctc.edu](http://www.sbctc.edu), [www.careerclusters.org](http://www.careerclusters.org), and [www.edf.org/cagreenjobs](http://www.edf.org/cagreenjobs),  
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