# **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

The GCCC Early Childhood Education and Child Care Pathway offers advanced course work for those seeking employment within a childcare center, or as a licensed in-home childcare provider, or to apply towards recertification. Courses are offered fully online in both traditional and non-traditional options.

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

17 credit hrs • Online

### **COST SAVINGS**

Adult student \$2,100 VS Dual Credit student \$575

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended that students be at least a sophmore to begin courses
Background check, at **NO COST**, prior to in-person observation

• Must be 17 years of age for certification exam

## **COURSES AVAILABLE**

• View our Academic Catalog for more information: https://www.gcccks.edu/academics/academic\_catalogs/academic\_catalog.aspx

• Most courses may be eligible for **<u>FREE</u>** tuition to dual credit students only

## Dual Credit Coordinator 620-276-0441

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## **CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT**

- In-Home Daycare
- Childcare support staff
- Preschool support staff

## LOCATION

Online

## AVERAGE SALARY

Students who complete our Cert A will have higher credentials than that of a high school graduate, so this data reflects the minimum wage expectations for the career. The estimated annual median wage of preschool and childcare centers is \$19,499 in the state of Kansas with the typical level of education needed for entry into this position is a High School Diploma.

## **AVAILABLE CERTIFICATIONS**

• Qualify for application towards a CDA

