



# THIS IS YOUR WHY

“ I want to work with children, to teach the next generation and aid in their positive development. ”

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**HOW**

**Early Childhood  
Education**

**Lakeland**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



# Working with young children

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**Our mission** is to prepare early childhood teachers with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to provide developmentally appropriate care & education for young children.

A career in early childhood offers employment opportunities for preschool teachers in a variety of settings including child day care services, public and private schools, Head Start programs, prekindergarten, inclusion classrooms and programs, corporate child care settings, nursery schools, intergenerational care sites as well as religious organizations.

Lakeland's associate degree program in early childhood education prepares students to teach children ages 0-5 years. They will gain the knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary to provide developmentally appropriate care for young children.

## **Community Partnerships**

Students are required to complete fieldwork outside the college as well. We look to the community for support in providing quality educational experiences as we prepare students for careers in early childhood education.

We seek centers and programs that provide positive environments for our students as they complete observation hours. Students will spend 2.5 hours observing components of the program that include: teaching methods and strategies, classroom management, positive teacher and student interactions, pedagogical techniques, and maintenance of safe and supportive environments.

## **Background check and fingerprinting requirement**

Pre-service teachers are required to have a current and complete BCI/FBI background check on file with Lakeland's Early Childhood Education office.

Our fingerprinting policy meets state law requirements for Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and Ohio Department of Education.



## Credential

Graduates will earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education, and may apply for Pre-K Associate Teacher Licensure by the Ohio Department of Education.

### **How long does it take to complete this program and be job-ready?**

- » 65 credits (2 years)
- » Plus off-site observance hours

### **How to Start**

Apply to Lakeland to get started! For more information, visit our website at the link below.

### **Curriculum**

[lakelandcc.edu/ece](http://lakelandcc.edu/ece)



## Apply to Lakeland

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Visit campus

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Financial Aid

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### Quality Education

Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university.

### Affordable Tuition

Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. Many students are eligible to receive some form of financial assistance.

### Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening, weekend and online courses.

### Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, computer labs, careers services, free parking and affordable child care.

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