

This career program is designed to prepare students for entry and advancement in the early childhood education profession. Students can work for an associate of applied science degree or a technical certificate in early childhood education.

Graduates of this degree program may also be able to transfer to a four-year university and complete the baccalaureate degree in early childhood education.



The Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) program emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Students pursuing careers in early childhood education with a 4-year bachelor's degree may follow the career of a preschool teacher as well as a teacher in grades K-3.

Recommended Semester	Class
Fall, Junior Year	ENGL 1010 - English Composition I
Fall, Junior Year	PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology
Spring, Junior Year	ENGL 1020 - English Composition II
Spring, Junior Year	COMM 2045 – Public Speaking
Fall, Senior Year	ECED 1310 – Introduction to Early Childhood Education
Spring, Senior Year	EDU 101 – Introduction to Education - Field experience in the public schools and community service are required.

Beginning Your Career Pathway!



To Do List:

- Discuss your Vol State Early Childhood Education goals with your high school counselor.
- Apply to Vol State at [Apply for Admission | Volunteer State Community College \(volstate.edu\)](#)
- Apply for the TSAC Grant at [TSAC Student Portal \(tn.gov\)](#)
- Schedule a tour with Vol State at [Campus Tour | Volunteer State Community College \(volstate.edu\)](#)

Career	Beginning Salary With Bachelor Degree	Experienced Salary Median
Elementary Teacher	\$36,250	\$49,110
Teacher Assistant	\$16,500	\$21,590
Childcare Worker	\$16,470	\$19,290

Tennessee State University and Vol State A.S.T. Transfer Pathway Partnership

This transfer program allows students who have completed the [Associate of Science in Teaching K-5 - A.S.T](#) or [Early Childhood Education \(Pre K-3\) - A.S.T.](#) to transfer to Tennessee State University (TSU) to complete the Bachelor of Science (BS) in K-5 or PreK-3 teacher certification.

Benefits of the Program:

- Attend classes at the Vol State campus
- Direct transfer of courses from Vol State to TSU
- Complete your Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 4 semesters

Opportunity for annual scholarship award from \$3000-\$4000, depending on GPA