

Career Possibilities through Early Childhood Professions

- Paraprofessional in early childhood
- Child care/preschool teacher
- Director of a child care center

| <u>Career Areas</u> | <u>Annual Median Wage</u> |
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| Childcare Workers | \$25,460 |
| Preschool Teachers | \$31,930 |
| Preschool & Childcare Center Directors | \$49,160 |

*Data taken from the National Bureau of Labor Statistics- 2020

Lex La-Ray Technical Center Technology Requirements

The only technology requirement for Lex La-Ray, Post Secondary, Practical Nursing, and Allied Health programs, is a valid e-mail address. This must be provided to your program instructor and/or coordinator. Students must have access to this e-mail outside of the classroom. All other technology requirements will be provided on campus.

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Interested in any of the following?

- Effective teaching
- Child development
- Creating an educational learning environment
- Safety and health for young children
- Guiding young children
- Instructional assessment
- Communicating with students, parents, and other staff

If so, Early Childhood Professions may be the career choice for you!

A little about Early Childhood Professions...

Early Childhood Professions offers preparation for students to gain experience and knowledge in working effectively with young children. This is a useful course for anyone who is interested in a career involving children. Students in this program work towards their CDA (Child Development Associate degree). They learn vital information needed to understand and show mastery of the 6 areas of competency in working with preschool children.

For more information on pursuing the CDA check out:

<http://www.cdacouncil.org>.

Students work daily with preschool children as well as receiving class instruction. Student must spend 480 hours working with children and 150 hours of class instruction to be eligible to get a CDA. This program helps individuals learn and practice effective teaching techniques, as well as skills in administering student assessment and preschool management.

Graduates may go directly to work in a preschool classroom as a paraprofessional or head teacher (based on type of preschool program), may apply for a preschool director position, or may choose to run their own preschool program. Other graduates may choose to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood or a related specialized degree.

College Credit

- Post secondary students may apply for 3 hours of credit at State Fair Community College.
- Students who complete one year of post-secondary education with a B average at Lex La-Ray may apply for up to 30 semester hours of credit at State Fair Community College toward an Associate of Science degree.

Highlights

- An opportunity to work with effective teachers (observation and mentoring)
- Work on important teaching skills necessary to earn a CDA
- Gain skills in working with children while furthering your education

Prerequisites

Knowledge of child development and experience working with young children will enhance your classroom work. Communication skills and a good work ethic are also necessary.

Secondary Admissions Policy:

1. Application with parent signature
2. Essay
3. Student Agreement/Scholarship form
4. Completion of necessary credits at Home School
5. GPA of 2.0 or higher
6. Personal Plan of Study
7. Attendance of 90% or better

Adult/Post Secondary Admissions Policy:

1. Application
2. Non-Refundable Application fee of \$25.00
3. Copies of transcript (or GED certificate) from all institutions previously attended
4. Interview with Lex La-Ray Technical Center Staff
5. 10th grade or higher reading, writing, and math skills - placement exam may be given*
6. 18 years of age or signed Parental Release Form on file with LLRTC
7. Current on all state required immunizations; records must be submitted with an application

*If the applicant did not graduate from a Missouri Public School, accredited private high school, or receive a GED Certificate, a placement exam will be administered at no cost to the applicant. A passing score is required for admittance.

Refund Policy for Adult Students, Post-Secondary (Non-Practical Nursing):

Refunds are calculated on the following schedule:

1. Withdrawal/dismissal prior to the beginning of the semester - full refund of paid tuition and fees (not including application fee) less a \$100.00 Administrative Fee.
2. Withdrawal/dismissal prior to the completion of the second week of the semester - 50% of paid tuition
3. Withdrawal/dismissal prior to the completion of the fourth week of the semester - 25% of paid tuition
4. Withdrawal/dismissal after the fourth week of the semester - No refund
5. Application fee is not refundable. Student activity fees, organization dues, shop fees, books and supplies are non-refundable after the first day of class.

The school refund policy is applicable to all non-practical nursing adult students who execute a complete withdrawal or are dismissed from course work during an academic year. The student's withdrawal/dismissal date is the last day of attendance.

2021-2022 Program Cost

*Prices subject to change for
2022-2023 school year.

Full-Time - \$6,600.00
Part-Time - \$3,300.00
Application Fee - \$25.00
LLRTC Fees - \$63.00
Shop Fees - \$270.00
Total for Full-Time - \$6,958.00
Total for Part-Time - \$3,658.00

*Financial Aid available for those
who qualify.