Bachelor of Science in
EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMINISTRATION


Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of our youngest learners? This is your time. Your moment. Earn your bachelor's degree and meet the demand for talented professionals equipped to provide developmental and learning opportunities for children ages 0–8. Our program prepares you to pursue nonlicensure teaching positions in early childhood centers, or to take on administrative, leadership, or ownership roles. Take the next step in your life and your career.
Why Study Early Childhood Education at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults
Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule. You'll also gain practical experience through hands-on field components in an early childhood environment.

Backed by the Power of Purdue
Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the early childhood administration field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Your Experience Counts as College Credit
It's time to get the recognition you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.²

Affordable Tuition
You can lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.² Our average bachelor’s graduate saves 50% on tuition with credit for prior learning.³ You're worth the investment.

Expert Faculty
Learn from early childhood education professionals with the real-world experience to know what it takes to succeed in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

Take the Next Step in Your Education and Your Career

Prepare for the CDA Credential⁷
Our program is designed to meet the education training requirements for the highly regarded Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™. Many states require the CDA Credential for those who wish to take on the role of director of child development.

Gain the Core Skills and Competencies Needed to Advance in This Field
- Apply knowledge of child development and learning theory.
- Develop, plan, and implement strategies for building family and community relationships.
- Evaluate developmentally appropriate observation and assessment techniques to inform instructional planning.
- Evaluate principles, tools, and practices to create effective learning environments.
- Understand the importance of individuality and cultural diversity of children and their families to learning and development.
- Plan and manage budgets of early childhood programs.
- Recruit, motivate, and evaluate the best-qualified staff members.
- Demonstrate the communication and leadership skills of an early childhood administrator.

ACCELERATED MASTER’S DEGREE OPTION
Complete both your bachelor’s and master’s degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. While you earn your bachelor’s degree,⁴ you can work toward a Purdue Global master’s degree in one of the following areas:
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Higher Education
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Human Services
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Public Administration
- Psychology

Nationally Ranked and Respected
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.⁶
Curriculum

Our comprehensive curriculum blends multiple disciplines. The courses are reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments and practices in the field of early childhood education.

Courses Include:
- Early Childhood Development
- Early Childhood Curriculum Planning
- Child Safety, Nutrition, and Health
- Young Children With Special Needs
- Human Resource Management
- Introduction to Psychology
- Child and Adolescent Psychology
- Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
- Funding Development and Financial Planning in Early Childhood Programs
- Early Childhood Administration
- Current Issues and Trends in Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Family, Community, and Advocacy
- Organizational Communication

Capstone Course

The program culminates in a final capstone, which gives you the opportunity to apply the skills and concepts you study online to real-world early learning scenarios. As part of it, you will complete a 5-hour field component in a Head Start, Early Head Start, or daycare/preschool working with young children. This is also a great opportunity to develop resources that you can use in your future career.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180
Completion Time: 2-4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor's degree graduates in 2021-2022 was 2.1 years).
Course Load: 2-3 per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Throughout the year

Additional Programs

Bachelor’s Degrees
- Human Services
- Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Communication

Master’s Degrees
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Instructional Design and Technology
- Teaching
- Psychology
- Public Administration
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- A bachelor’s degree and experience in early childhood education are typically required to become a preschool and childcare center director.
- Employment of preschool and childcare center directors is expected to grow faster than average from 2021 to 2031.

Career Pathways and Outcomes

Roles

- Program coordinator
- Community service manager
- Preschool teacher (excluding special education)
- Head Start director or teacher
- Early childhood consultant
- Childcare center director or worker
- After-school program worker
- Preschool director

Please note that some preschool teaching positions require specific state training.

Settings

- Early childhood programs
- Childcare centers
- Prekindergarten programs
- Head Start programs
- Before- and after-school childcare environments

The Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Student Organizations and Honor Societies

Autism Speaks U
Educators’ Association

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCcommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

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