

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMINISTRATION



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS

Gain the skills and credentials to meet the demand for talented professionals equipped to provide developmental and learning opportunities for children from birth through age 8. This degree prepares you to pursue nonlicensure teaching positions in early childhood centers.<sup>1</sup> It also gives you the practical business skills and knowledge to take on administrative, leadership, or ownership roles. Build a foundation in the best practices of early childhood development, while preparing for a wide range of career opportunities.

## WHY STUDY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

### ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete your coursework 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services. The program also includes hands-on field components that can be completed in an early childhood environment.

### TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition.<sup>2</sup>

### AFFORDABLE TUITION

Lower the cost of your education through military tuition reductions, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more.<sup>3</sup> Our average bachelor's graduate saves 45% on tuition with credit for prior learning.<sup>4</sup>

### FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from early childhood education professionals with extensive experience in the field. All professors possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

### ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

### INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.<sup>5</sup>

### 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*.<sup>6</sup>

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR CAREER

### Prepare for the CDA Credential<sup>7</sup>

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

### Accelerated Master's Degree Option

Work toward a Purdue Global master's degree in public administration, educational psychology, human services, legal studies, or psychology while you earn your bachelor's degree.<sup>8</sup> Complete both your bachelor's and master's degrees in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately.

### 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.

# 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 2019–2020 was 2 years.)<sup>9</sup>

**Course Load:** 2–3 per term

**Terms:** 10 weeks long

**Start Dates:** Throughout the year

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

### Bachelor's Degrees

- Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- 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<sup>10</sup>

- 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 increase from 2019 to 2029.

## CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES<sup>11</sup>

### 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

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Educators' Association

## Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCommission.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.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at **844-PURDUE-G** or visit **PurdueGlobal.edu**.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit [Info.PurdueGlobal.edu](http://Info.PurdueGlobal.edu).

- 1 This program will not certify graduates to become licensed teachers, is not intended for individuals who are pursuing a license to teach early childhood education in a public or accredited private elementary school, is not represented as meeting specific state Board of Education criteria for assisting with children and teachers in a public school setting, and was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification. Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the [University Catalog](#) for additional information.
- 2 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. Future transfer credit savings are subject to review and the academic policies of Purdue Global. See the [University Catalog](#) for Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 3 May not be combined with other Purdue Global tuition reductions or ExcelTrack™ pricing.
- 4 Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in 2019-2020 and applied eligible prior learning (transfer, experiential, or credit by exam) credits saved an average of \$30,000 toward the total degree. Campus tuition and prior learning savings vary by location. Savings based on overall cost of completion without prior learning credit. Calculation based on total prior learning credit times standard cost per credit in student's program of study. Individual savings will vary. Calculation includes campus and military students. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy. Source: Office of Reporting and Analysis, October 2020. 2019-2020 academic year.
- 5 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 6 Source: [www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states](http://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states). Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 7 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.
- 8 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about admissions requirements and transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.
- 9 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2019-2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.
- 10 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Preschool and Childcare Center Directors. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 11 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.