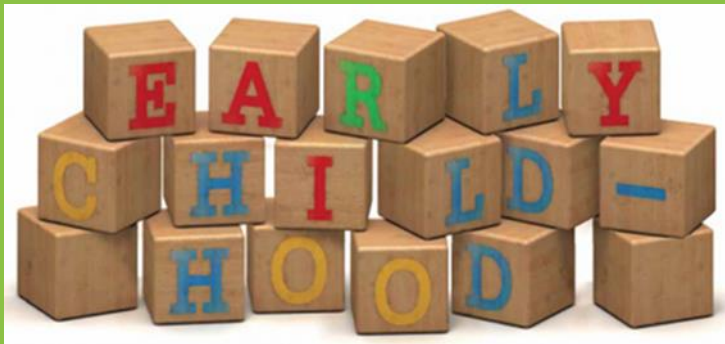




AAS in Early Childhood Development

My Future in Virginia





# What about CDA?

- External Credential granted only by the CDA Council/Council for Professional Recognition
- Requirement for CDA include:
  - Hours on the job
  - Training Hours
  - Portfolio
  - Observation of your in your classroom
  - Test
  - Fee
- NOVA does not grant a CDA, but many people take courses at community colleges to complete the 120 training hours (take three 3-credit CHD/EDU courses).
- It is not equivalent to an Associate Degree, even though it has the word “associate” in the name. That means ‘associate’ in the same way you would say ‘colleague’.
- If you have a current CDA, you may obtain credit for CHD 120 through NOVA’s Credit for Prior Learning Program.

# Stackable Progress at Nova

- A Career Studies Certificate in Early Childhood is 16 credits of course work, almost of which is in Early Childhood Education. This certificate is represented at **Step IV** of the career pathway. NVCC offers two career studies certificates in early childhood. One focuses on Infants/Toddlers, and the other focuses on preschool children.
- The Early Childhood Development Certificate is 31 credits. When students finish this, they are almost half-way to the Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. The 31-credit certificate is represented by **Step V** of the career pathway.
- The Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Development is 67 credits. This degree is represented at **Step VI** of the career pathway.

# Early Childhood Development Career Studies Certificate (Step IV)

One Year			Credits
<b>1st Semester</b>			
CHD	120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD	145	Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	3
CHD	205	Guiding the Behavior of Children	3
<sup>1</sup> SDV	100	College Success Skills	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>10</b>
<b>2nd Semester</b>			
CHD	165	Observation and Participation in Early Childhood/Primary Settings	3
EDU	235	Health, Safety, and Nutrition Education	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Total credits for the Early Childhood Development Career Studies Certificate=16</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Students may substitute the SDV 101 Orientation section related to this program.

# Early Childhood Dev. Certificate

Step V

<b>To earn a Career Studies Certificate complete the following (16 Credits):</b>	
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education
CHD 145	Art, Music and Movement
CHD 205	Guiding Behavior of Young Children
CHD 165	Observation and Participation
EDU 235	Health, Safety and Nutrition
SDV 100	Student Development-College Success Skills
<i>An Infant and Toddler Career Studies Certificate is also available. (Take CHD 166 and CHD 164 in place of CHD 145 and CHD 205)</i>	
<b>To earn a Certificate (31 credits) complete the courses above and the following:</b>	
CHD 118	Language Arts for Young Children
CHD 146	Math, Science and Social Studies
CHD 216	Early Childhood Programs, Schools and Social Change
ENG 111	College Composition I
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology <b>OR PSY 235</b>

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## Step VI



TWO SEMESTERS		CREDITS
First Semester		
CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 145	Art, Music, and Movement	3
CHD 205	Guiding Behavior of Young Children	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
EDU 235	Health, Safety and Nutrition	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
TOTAL		16
Second Semester		
CHD 118	Language Arts for Young Children	3
CHD 146	Math, Science and Social Studies	3
CHD 216	Early Childhood Programs, Schools, and Social Change	3
CHD 165	Observation and Participation	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
TOTAL		15
Third Semester		
CHD 166	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
CHD 210	Introduction to Exceptional Children	3
EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	3
TOTAL		15
Fourth Semester		
BIO 101	General Biology I with Lab	3
CHD 270	Administration of Child Care Programs	3
CHD 265	Advanced Observation and Participation	3
HUM/FINE ARTS	ENG 250 or ENG 241 or ENG 242	1
SOC SCIENCE	United States History I or United States History II	3
TOTAL		16
TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE DEGREE		62

# Transforming the Workforce: Birth to Eight

- A seminal report, “Transforming the Workforce Birth to Age Eight” released by the National Academy of Medicine/Institute of Medicine in April 2015 called for states to address the following:
  - improving higher education and ongoing professional learning (including better pathways within states and across states)
  - strengthening qualification requirements based on knowledge and competencies (including requirement or pathways for a four year degree)
  - promoting evaluation that leads to continuous improvements in professional practices (including strong competencies that develop by having deep knowledge about young children)
- Virginia was one of five states selected in the first wave of the NAM initiative to follow up with recommendations following this report. Virginia’s core team focused on higher ed pathways

[http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2015/Birthto8/BirthtoEight\\_brief.pdf](http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2015/Birthto8/BirthtoEight_brief.pdf)





# Early Childhood Development Pathway Options

- The Applied Associate of Science Degree is not a traditional “transfer” degree. When you finish, you are qualified to work in the field without further education (without transfer).
- There are pathways that lead from the AAS in Early Childhood to Baccalaureate degrees in VA without credit loss.

- **George Mason University**

- Bachelor of Science in Education for Diverse Learners Early/Primary Education PK-3 (Licensure) Concentration\* (129 credits)
- Bachelor of Science in Education for Diverse Learners Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure) Concentration\* (126 credits)
- Bachelor of Science in Education for Diverse Learners (non-licensure)\* (126 credits)
- Existing BIS Early Childhood, non-licensure (120 credits)



- **James Madison University** BIS Early Childhood with PK-3 licensure option (127 credits)



- **Longwood University** is launching next school year.
- **VCU and ODU** are releasing details soon.

## VIRGINIA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (VCCPSP)

This scholarship program is for current/potential child care professionals to help improve their knowledge and skills that contribute to providing quality child care. Learn more about VCCPSP at [www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov) or email [childcare.scholarship@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:childcare.scholarship@dss.virginia.gov).



## PROJECT PATHFINDERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship program is open to early childhood professionals (lead teachers, assistant teachers, and administrators) seeking to complete a credential in early childhood education or child development through Virginia's community colleges. Learn more about Project Pathfinders at [www.vecf.org](http://www.vecf.org) or email [pathfinders@vecf.org](mailto:pathfinders@vecf.org).



- These scholarships enable students to take up to two college classes per semester. Students need to first select the class they wish to take (after reviewing the schedule and making sure the course is offered, and offered at a time they prefer), and apply online.
- Must work in early learning to be eligible
- The two scholarships work in tandem
  - VDSS pays for nearly the 31-credit certificate
  - Pathfinders can be used for developmental courses and picks up where VDSS ends
- Application period for fall courses is June 15 to August 1; Spring application is October 15 to December 1; Summer application period is March 15 to April 15.



# POWER TO THE PROFESSION

	ECE I	ECE II	ECE III
<b><i>Expectations during preparation regarding depth of mastery of the competencies</i></b>	<p><b>Professional Training Program (at least 120 hours) completers</b> are <i>introduced</i> to all professional standards and competency areas.</p> <p><b>Professional Training Program (at least 120 hours) completers</b> can apply their <i>introductory</i> knowledge and understanding<sup>2</sup> of all the professional standards and competency areas.</p>	<p><b>Associate degree graduates</b> know and understand the <i>essential</i> aspects of all professional standards and competency areas <i>with a dedicated focus on young children in birth through age 5 settings</i>.</p> <p><b>Associate degree graduate</b> can apply their <i>essential</i> knowledge and understanding<sup>3</sup> of all the professional standards and competency areas, including age-appropriate content pedagogy, <i>with a dedicated focus on young children in birth through age 5 settings</i>.</p>	<p><b>Bachelor's degree graduate or Master's degree graduate (initial prep)</b> know and understand the <i>essential</i> aspects of all professional standards and competency areas <i>with a dedicated focus on young children in birth through age 8 settings</i>.</p> <p><b>Bachelor's degree graduate or Master's degree graduate (initial prep)</b> can apply their <i>essential</i> knowledge and understanding of all the professional standards and competency areas, including age-appropriate content pedagogy, <i>with a dedicated focus on young children in birth through age 8 settings</i>.</p>

# This is a great time for Early Childhood...

- Early Childhood is part of the national conversation
  - Political Efforts
  - Financial efforts
- Requirements are generally increasing in order to work in the field
  - Head Start
  - Early Head Start
  - District of Columbia

## Governor Northam Proposes Historic Investment in Early Childhood Education

\$94.8 million in new funding, legislation will transform Virginia's early education system and increase access for at-risk three- and four-year-olds across the Commonwealth

