



Otero Junior College
Postsecondary Plan of Study



	Pathway: Early Childhood Development	Plan of Study: Early Childhood Education
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<p>Career Goal (O*Net Code): (Click the code to access education, skills, and employment outlook information) Early Childhood Education Preschool Teacher (25-2011) Special Education Teacher Preschool (25-2041) Child Care Worker (39-9011) Preschool & Child Care Program Administrator (11-9031) Teacher Assistant (25-9041) * - High Demand Career</p>	<p>Relevant Occupational Experience (Your Life Experiences may be worth College Credit!): CCCS Credit for Prior Learning Guide</p> <p><i>Or contact the OJC Early Childhood faculty for more information</i></p>
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Possible Pathways to your Career!

	Programs Available	Program Length (*Based on meeting Program Entrance Requirements)	Tuition	Career Options	Salary Range
Certificate Option(s)	Fundamental Early Childhood Skills Infant/Toddler Early Childhood Center Director Early Childhood Teacher	6 credits 21 credits 30 credits 30 credits	OJC Tuition	Child Care Worker, Educational Aide, Nanny, Teacher, Preschool Teacher, Lead Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher, Headstart, Child Care Worker, Child Caregiver, Before and After School Worker, Child Care Provider, Child Care Assistant, Child Care Aide, Playground Aide, Preschool Aide Teacher, Toddler Teacher, Child Care Director	\$ - \$\$
Associate Degree(s)	Associates of Applied Science —Early Childhood Education Associate of Arts —Early Childhood Education	60 credits 60 credits	OJC Tuition	Preschool Teacher, After-School Program Supervisor, Teaching Assistant, Child Care Worker, Para-Educator	\$ - \$\$

Articulation Opportunities to Advanced Degrees:

Bachelors Degree	Early Childhood, Special Education, Human Development & Family Studies Elementary Education with licensure for 0-grade 3 Early Childhood Education (0-grade 3)	Associates Degree + 60 Credits	College Tuition Comparison Guide	Preschool & Child Care Program Administrator, Child Care Supervisor, Elementary Teacher, Early Interventionist, Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher	\$ - \$\$\$
Graduate Degree	Early Childhood Education, MA & PhD Special Education, MA & PhD	Bachelors Degree + required coursework	College Tuition Comparison Guide	Special Education Teacher, Preschool, Child Care Director/Owner, Education Administrator, Early Interventionist, University Instructor or Professor	\$\$-\$\$\$\$

* \$ = \$15-25,000; \$\$ = \$25-55,000; \$\$\$ = \$55-90,000; \$\$\$\$ = Above \$90,000



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Extended Learning Experiences

Support Structures: www.ojc.edu

Student Services – is a “One Stop Center” that provides college admission, financial aid, testing, academic advising, new student orientation, registration, cashier services, transcripts, and career assessment testing and counseling. 719-384-6831

Student Success Center – provides free tutoring, transitional assistance, study skills, test taking, alternative testing, open computer lab, referrals, learning style inventories and other assessments.

Services for Students with Disabilities – accommodations and other services are available to students with documented disabilities.

Learning Commons – is committed to serving students' information and research needs essential to fulfill course assignments.

Desire2 Learn (D2L) – is the learning management program that uses the internet for classroom content delivery.

International Programs and Services – provide services to international students.

TRiO Student Support Services – a program to increase retention, graduation and transfer rates among students who are identified as being low-income, first-generation and/or disabled.

Financial Aid:

OJC Scholarships - Scholarships specific to Otero Junior College

College in Colorado - offers a one-stop resource to help students, parents and counselors plan, apply and pay for college.

FAFSA - is a common application for federal loan and grant programs. It is used to determine if you are eligible for federal student financial aid programs.

College Opportunity Fund (COF) - provides a stipend to eligible undergraduate students. The stipend pays a portion of your total in-state tuition when you attend a Colorado public institution or a participating private institution.

Scholarships - Free college scholarship search and financial aid information.

Veterans - To Apply for benefits apply online at www.gibill.va.gov and click on Apply for GI Bill Benefits. Follow the instructions on the web page for further guidance.

<http://www.ojc.edu/FinancialAid.aspx>

Educational Opportunity Center – assists with admission applications, financial aid preparation and career and educational planning in McBride 150. 719-384-6852

Professional Affiliations:

[National Association for the Education of Young Children;](#)

[Association for Childhood Education International;](#)

[Early Childhood Colorado;](#)

[National Child Care Association;](#)

[The National Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies;](#)

[National Head Start Association;](#)

[National Institute for Early Education Research;](#)

[National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators](#)

Practical Learning Experiences:

Preschool/child care lab experience, Practicum, Work study

Otero Junior College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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