

Teaching Careers

Teachers act as facilitators or coaches, using interactive discussions and “hands-on” learning to help students learn and apply concepts in subjects such as science, mathematics or English. As teachers move away from the traditional repetitive drill approaches and rote memorization, they are using more “props” or “manipulative” to help children understand abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thought processes. For example, they teach the concepts of numbers or adding and subtracting by playing board games. As children get older, they use more sophisticated materials such as science apparatus, cameras or computers.

Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers play a vital role in the development of children. What children learn and experience during their early years can shape their views of themselves and the world, and affect later success or failure in school, work, and their

personal lives. Preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school teachers introduce children to numbers, language, science and social studies. They use games, music, artwork, films, books, computers and other tools to teach basic skills.

Middle and secondary school teachers help students delve more deeply into subjects introduced in elementary school and expose them to more information about the world. Middle and secondary school teachers specialize in a specific subject, such as English, Spanish, mathematics, history or biology. Vocational education teachers instruct and train students to work in a wide variety of fields, such as health care, business, auto repair, communications and technology.

Job Outlook

Employment of preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers is projected to grow about as fast as average. Job prospects are expected to be favorable, with particularly good prospects for teachers in high-demand fields like math, science, and bilingual education, or in less desirable urban or rural school districts.

Employment change. Employment of school teachers is expected to grow by 12 percent between 2006 and 2016, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

Through 2016, overall student enrollments in elementary, middle, and secondary schools—a key factor in the demand for teachers—are expected to rise more slowly than in the past as children of the baby boom generation leave the school system. This will cause employment of teachers from kindergarten through the secondary grades to grow as fast as the average.

Earnings

Median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$43,580 to \$48,690 in May 2006; the lowest 10 percent earned \$28,590 to \$33,070; the top 10 percent earned \$67,490 to \$76,100. Median earnings for preschool teachers were \$22,680.

According to the American Federation of Teachers, beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$31,753 in the 2004-05 school year. The estimated average salary of all public elementary and secondary school teachers in the 2004-05 school year was \$47,602.

Related Careers

- Early Childhood Education
- Paraprofessional

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Educational Opportunities in Teaching at LCCC

Associate of arts in teacher education—transfer program

The associate of arts in teacher education will be awarded to a student who successfully completes the transfer for K-12 licensure program. Conferral of the associate of arts degree in teacher education in the transfer area of concentration with a 2.5 minimum grade point average in all education cluster courses (ECED, EDCT, and PSYH) will permit transfer with junior year standing to a four-year college or university with an approved program in teacher education. Subsequent satisfactory completion of the transfer school requirements will lead to a bachelor's degree and to contingent recommendation from that school for one of the State of Ohio Department of Education provisional licenses to teach in the K-12 system.

Other Teacher Education Opportunities at LCCC

Certificate of completion in early childhood education

An early childhood education certificate of completion has been designed for those students who wish to be employed as a teacher or teachers aid in a preschool/daycare, or in-home setting. These courses meet the Ohio Department of Human Service requirements to be an early childhood education teacher. The courses may be also applied towards an associate of arts degree in teacher education, early childhood track.

Associate of arts in teacher education—paraprofessional

The associate of arts in teacher education will be awarded to a student who successfully completes the paraprofessional licensure program of studies. Conferral of the associate of arts degree in teacher education in the paraprofessional area of concentration requires a 2.5 minimum grade point average in all education cluster courses (ECED, EDCT, and PSYH) and meeting the attendant requirements of the State of Ohio and Lorain County Community College to establish good moral character. Successful completion will qualify the student for state licensure as an educational paraprofessional associate.

Other Educational Opportunities in Education through LCCC's University Partnership

Ashland University

Bachelor of Science in Education Early Childhood Intervention Specialist (Grades Pre K-3)

The Ashland education program is based on current research, effective practice and dynamic collaborative relationships among Ashland faculty, pre-K through 12th grade teachers and administrators.

Bachelor of Science in Education Early Childhood Licensure (Grades Pre K-3)

The Ashland education program is based on current research, effective practice and dynamic collaborative relationships among Ashland faculty, pre-K through 12th-grade teachers and administrators.

Bachelor of Science in Education Middle Childhood Licensure (Grades 4-9)

The Ashland education program is based on current research, effective practice and dynamic collaborative relationships among Ashland faculty, pre-K through 12th-grade teachers and administrators.

Bachelor Plus in Graduate Education for Teacher Licensure

The Bachelor Plus Program is a graduate program designed to provide initial teacher licensure to people who hold bachelor degrees from accredited colleges or universities in fields other than education.

Master of Science in Education— Major in Sport Education

The graduate program offered by the Ashland University College of Education through the LCCC University Partnership is designed to provide functionally integrated academic, experimental, and field-based study necessary to the personal and professional growth of educators.

Cleveland State University

Master of Education in Adult Learning and Development

Adult Learning and Development Certificate

The Master of Education and Certificate in Adult Learning and Development (ALD) program provides adult educators the exciting opportunity to learn how to plan, teach and administer programs that respond to the needs of adult learners and to the issues facing adult learners while enhancing learning environments in the workplace and other adult learning venues.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a Specialization in Educational Technology

Computer and Technology Teaching Endorsement

These programs offer teachers the opportunity to learn technology skills with flexible scheduling and course offerings that will permit them to continue to work while pursuing their master's degree or Computer and Technology Teaching Endorsement.

Master of Education in School Counseling—School Counseling Licensure

The school counseling program is based on the conceptual framework of the School Counselor as a Human Development and Professional Program Manager.

About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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