



## Early Childhood Education Academy at Olympic Heights Community High School

### Academy Goals

**Level 1:** Mastery of DCF Child Growth and Development; Health, Safety and Nutrition; Child Abuse and Neglect; 90 contact hours

**Level 2:** Mastery of DCF Behavior Observation Screening; hands on experience with the Little Lions Learning Center preschool children; creating age appropriate lesson plans; cumulative 210 contact hours

**Level 3:** Mastery of DCF Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Preschool Appropriate Practices; hands on experience with the Little Lions Learning Center preschool children; creating and implementing successful age appropriate lesson plans; Early Literacy Certification, cumulative 380 contact hours

**Level 4:** Mastery of DCF Rules and Regulations; hands on experience with the Little Lions Learning Center preschool children; ECPC certification & National CDA certification; implementing successful age appropriate lesson plans; completed 480 contact hours

**Club Involvement:** Students can join F.F.E.A. (Future Florida Educators Association) as they build leadership skills to create afterschool activities and events for the early childhood children in our community.

**Career Pathways:** Students completing this program of study may follow a career pathway in a variety of related occupations, from entry level to professional occupations such as:

Adoption Services Specialist

Childcare Center Director

Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

School Psychologist

School-age Care Coordinator

Teacher-Elementary Education

**Hands on Experience:** Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Academy at Olympic Heights have hands-on experience with the on-campus Little Lions Learning Center. The 3-5- year old preschool children are a great way for the high school students to develop the skills we build on through all four levels of the academy as they experience first- hand observation opportunities, creating and implementing age and developmentally appropriate lessons with the children. The high school students get to see how the preschool children grow and learn throughout their time together.

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