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# I Want To Work With Children Birth To 5... *What Can I Do?*



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## Teacher's Assistant

\*Average salary: \$26,806

\* Bureau of Labor Statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/childcare-workers.htm>

\* Lightcast: <https://lightcast.io/>

## Teacher's Assistant, Teacher

\*Average salary: \$35,682

## Teacher, Head Start or VPI Teacher, Director

\*Average salary: \$47,675

## Director, Other Management Positions

\*Average Salary: \$47,675+

### High School/Career and Technical Education Programs

**Career and Technical Centers  
with Early Childhood Options**  
(click city to explore program)

[Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth,  
Suffolk, Virginia Beach](#)

- [Tidewater Community College \(TCC\) dual enrollment SDV 101](#)
- [Paul D. Camp dual enrollment](#)

### High School Classes

- [Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow](#)
- [TCC dual enrollment for EDU 200](#)

### Community Colleges

**Tidewater or Paul D.  
Camp Community College**

- Career Studies Certificate (Child Development -12 credits)
- Career Studies Certificate (Preschool/CDA equivalent - 16 credits)
- Career Studies Certificate (Educational Support Specialist - 18 credits)
- Certificate (Early Childhood Instruction - 31 credits)
- Applied Associate of Science in Early Childhood Development (62 credits)

### 4-Year Colleges and Universities

#### Bachelor's Degree

**Non-Licensure Early Childhood  
Education**

- Bluefield College
- Longwood University
- Regent University (*online*)

#### [Pre K-3 Licensure](#)

(Can Articulate with TCC)

- George Mason University
- James Madison University (*online*)
- Radford University
- Regent University
- Virginia Commonwealth University

### 1 to 2-Year Graduate Colleges and Universities

#### Graduate Degree

- Old Dominion University  
Early Childhood Master of Science  
and Doctorate of Philosophy
- George Mason University  
Master of Education-Early  
Childhood Education
- James Madison University  
Early Childhood Master of Arts  
in Teaching

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**Project Pathfinders Scholarship:** <https://vecf.org/pathfinders/> (check website for participating educational institutions)

**G3 Scholarship:** <https://viriniag3.com/participating-colleges/>

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