

# **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT**

## **Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program for Family Child Care Providers**

### **What is the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program?**

This scholarship program for family child care providers offers scholarship funds to take courses toward an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education at CCV. It is a partnership between the family child care provider and T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® VERMONT that enables providers to improve their skills, receive a financial reward and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

### **Who is eligible for a scholarship?**

Any family child care provider who is registered or licensed with the Vermont Child Development Division is eligible. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information provided on the application.

### **What kind of support does the scholarship provide?**

The scholarship covers 80% of the cost of tuition and 90% of the cost of books. It also provides a stipend to the provider for the cost of having a substitute for release time each week. The provider can use this benefit to provide substitute coverage in order to study, attend class or meet personal needs. An access stipend is also provided each term.

### **What kind of commitment is the family child care provider required to make?**

The provider must contribute 20% of the cost of tuition and 10% of the cost of books, complete 9 - 15 credits toward an associate degree in Early Childhood Education during the one-year scholarship contract, and continue to operate the family child care home for one year after completing each contract.

### **What kind of financial reward does the family child care provider receive?**

The provider is awarded a \$300 bonus upon completion of the required 9 – 15 credits of coursework within the contract year.



### **For more information, call or write:**

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### **What kind of support does T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT provide?**

T.E.A.C.H. pays for 80% of the cost of tuition and 90% of the cost of books, provides access and release time stipends each term, and awards a \$300 bonus upon completion of the scholarship contract. T.E.A.C.H. staff provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

### **Can a scholarship be extended for another year?**

As long as funds are available, and as long as the family child care provider continues to be eligible, T.E.A.C.H. will award scholarship contract renewals so the provider can continue taking courses.

### **How is the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program funded?**

Funding comes from a variety of sources including The Henderson Foundation for startup funds, the Vermont Child Development Division and the Vermont Early Learning Challenge/Race to the Top grant.

## ***Early Childhood Education and the Community College***

### **What will I learn by taking early childhood education courses at a community college?**

There are many different courses a student can take. They include courses on child development, educational materials and activities, children's art, working with parents, nutrition, teaching children with special needs and child care administration.

### **Am I qualified to be a student at a community college?**

A high school diploma or equivalent is all you need. There is a skills assessment (Accuplacer) that is required to be completed before entry.

### **How do I enroll in a community college?**

Contact the Early Childhood Education Coordinator at the college. You can reach him/her by calling the main number at the college. The Coordinator will tell you how to enroll and help you select your classes.

### **When do classes start?**

Classes are offered on a trimester-basis and each trimester lasts approximately 12-15 weeks. Generally the trimesters begin in January, and August.

### **When do classes meet?**

CCV offers classes during the day, evenings, on weekends and online. Contact your local CCV site to find out what courses are available and when.



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