



***Career Cluster Connections Cover Page  
Education and Training***

**Career Cluster:** Education and Training

**Postsecondary Education Partnerships**

**Existing Postsecondary Education Partners:**

- South Dakota State University – [Early Childhood Education – Cooperative Program with DSU](#); [Early Education and Care](#); [Family and Consumer Sciences Education](#); [Early Childhood Education – Birth to 8 Specialization](#); [Physical Education Teacher Education](#); [Human Development & Family Studies](#); [Music Education](#); [Mathematics – Teaching Specialization](#); [Psychology – Teaching Specialization](#); Teaching specializations in several content areas
- University of South Dakota – Links to elementary and secondary undergraduate majors and minors and certification programs at <http://www.usd.edu/education/curriculum-and-instruction/undergraduate>; [School Counseling](#); [PK-12 Administration programs](#)
- Dakota State University – Links to all programs including education programs at <http://dsu.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs>; [Elementary Education](#); [Elementary Education/Special Education](#); [Business Education](#); [English Education](#)
- Black Hills State University – [Early Childhood Special Education Program](#); [Elementary Education Program](#); [Math and Science Education](#)
- Northern State University – [Elementary Education](#); [Secondary Education](#)
- Southeast Technical Institute – [Early Childhood Specialist](#)

**Potential Postsecondary Education Partners:**

- Augustana University
- University of Sioux Falls
- Dakota Wesleyan University

**Dual Credit Opportunities:**

Please refer to: <http://apps.sd.gov/de68dual/DualCreditDashBoard.aspx>

**General Education Courses at all universities**

ENGL 101 Composition I  
SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech  
PSYC 101 Psychology  
SOC 10 Sociology



MATH 102 College Math

**Southeast Technical Institute**

ECH 101 Introduction to Early Childhood

ECH 105 Understanding Diversity

ECH 110 Child Health Safety Nutrition

**Work-Based Learning**

**Career Exploration:**

- Early Childhood Camp – Southeast Technical Institute
- Job Shadowing (ex. Volunteer at local daycare)
- Career Interviews
- Guest Speakers (ex. Business owner, counselor)
- Field Trips (ex. Daycare, preschool classroom)
- Career Fairs (ex. Entrepreneurs, Principal)

**Intermediate Experiences:**

- Volunteer Experiences (ex. Boys and Girls Club)
- Service Learning (ex. Library reading programs, technology courses offered to elderly)
- Career Interview Day (ex. Mock interviews for job placement with local business professionals)

**Capstone Experiences:**

- Service Learning
- [Internship](#)
- [Senior Experience](#)

**Experiential Learning**



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| <p><b>Career and Technical Student Organizations and Key Activities (competitions, events, etc.):</b></p> <p><b>FCCLA (Family, Career &amp; Community Leaders of America) – Competitive Events</b><br/> <a href="#">Skill Demonstration Events</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Impromptu Speaking Demonstration Event</li> <li>2. Interviewing Skills Demonstration Event</li> <li>3. Technology in Teaching Demonstration Event</li> </ol> <p><a href="#">STAR Events</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Career Investigation STAR Event</li> <li>5. Focus on Children STAR Event</li> <li>6. Illustrated Talk STAR Event</li> <li>7. Interpersonal Communication STAR Event</li> <li>8. Teach and Train STAR Event</li> </ol> | <p><b>Course and CTE Standards Supported:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>ED2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> <li>2, <b>ED 2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> <li>3. <b>ED 2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> <li>4. <b>ED1</b> Explore career opportunities in education and training<br/> <b>HDPS 4</b> Investigate career paths for working with preschool and school-aged children</li> <li>5. <b>TTP 3</b> Demonstrate integration of curriculum and instruction to meet developmental needs of individuals<br/> <b>HDPS 3</b> Analyze strategies that promote growth and development of preschool through school-aged children</li> <li>6. <b>ED 2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> <li>7. <b>ED 2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> <li>8. <b>TTP 2</b> Analyze knowledge required for careers in education/training<br/> <b>ED 2</b> Analyze skills of effective educators or trainers</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Service Learning Opportunities/Organizations:</b></p> <p>Service learning involves volunteer experiences that relate to classroom learning. Students could work with a number of organizations to expand their classroom</p>   | <p><b>Course and CTE Standards Supported:</b></p> <p>Service learning opportunities could be integrated in all courses in career cluster to expand learning for all standards.</p>   |



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| <p>learning.</p> <p>Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local school district</li> <li>• Nursing home</li> <li>• Boys and Girls Club</li> <li>• Serve and Learn Student Association (SALSA)</li> <li>• YMCA</li> <li>• Big Brothers/Big Sisters</li> <li>• Mentoring/tutoring</li> <li>• Group homes</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach mini units to elementary students</li> <li>• Coordinate a local Book Fair</li> <li>• Help with child protection registration through the CHIP program</li> <li>• Help with local backpack program</li> <li>• Become a big brother/big sister to an elementary student</li> <li>• Coordinate a tutoring program for elementary students</li> </ul> |  |
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**Certification and Credentials**

| Certification/Credential                                    | Recommended Prerequisite Courses  | Pertinent Details (location of assessment, cost, test prep, etc.)  |
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| Pre-Professional Certification in Early Childhood Education | Certification designed for use with secondary and postsecondary students and programs, pre- | American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) - <a href="https://www.aafcs.org/res">https://www.aafcs.org/res</a> |



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|                                       | <p>professionals working in early employment positions, and employers conducting staff development and training for pre-professionals.</p> <p>Human Development courses<br/>Education courses</p> | <a href="/Credentialing/prepac/Bulletins/Early%20Childhood%20Education%20Information%20Bulletin.pdf">/Credentialing/prepac/Bulletins/Early%20Childhood%20Education%20Information%20Bulletin.pdf</a> |
| Child Development Associate (CDA)     | Human Development courses   | <a href="http://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/apply-for-cda">http://www.cdacouncil.org/credentials/apply-for-cda</a>   |
| OSHA                                  | No prerequisite, offered to students enrolled in cluster courses.   | Recommended to be completed in introduction to Education and Training course  |
| CPR                                   | No prerequisite, offered to students enrolled in cluster courses.   | Recommended to be completed in introduction to Education and Training course. There may be a fee associated with instructor.  |
| First-Aid                             | No prerequisite, offered to students enrolled in cluster courses.   | Recommended to be completed in introduction to Education and Training course. There may be a fee associated with instructor.  |
| National Career Readiness Certificate | Any Course  | Assessment offered free of charge to school districts by the South Dakota Department of Labor   |



**Additional Resources:** List any key resources that teachers, administrators, and program coordinators would find useful as they plan to implement this career cluster.

[Volunteers of America](#)

[FEFE Arizona](#)

[Utah Education Network](#)

[Alzheimer's Association](#)

[Achieve Texas](#)

[SD MYLIFE](#)

[USDA Nutrition Guidelines](#)

[Learning Zone Xpress](#)

[FCCLA](#)

[Skills USA](#)