

## **Early Childhood Elementary Education, Associate in Arts Career /Internship Information**

### **Career Options and Potential Earnings, based on an Associate degree:**

#### **Elementary School Teacher Assistant**

- Entry Level: \$20,000-\$25,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$27,860

#### **Preschool Teacher**

- Entry Level: \$24,000-\$29,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$40,720

#### **Childcare/Daycare Worker**

- Entry Level: \$18,000-\$23,000
- Average for New Jersey (all experience levels): \$25,040

*Supplementing the Associate's degree with appropriate certifications may result in an increase of opportunities and salary.*

Source: Payscale.com (2017); Occupational Handbook Employment Statistics (2016).

### **POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS:**

- Public/Private Elementary Schools - various
- Childcare Companies – Lightbridge Academy, Little Genius Academy, Bright Horizons, The Goddard Schools
- YMCA/JCC

### **INTERNSHIP OPTIONS:**

- Search for internships in your chosen field here: <http://www.internships.com/>
- Or stop by the Union County College Student Services Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Career Services at (908)527-7220 or [careerservices@ucc.edu](mailto:careerservices@ucc.edu)

Additional career-related resources can be found on the website:  
[www.ucc.edu/campus-life/career-center/career-resources/](http://www.ucc.edu/campus-life/career-center/career-resources/)