Career Exploration Overview
Teacher Aide

Why a career in early childhood?
As an educator, you can make a meaningful impact on a student’s life. Early childhood education provides children with the skills to be effective and engaged learners through school and beyond. The Teacher Aide Certificate will prepare you to work in a variety of early childhood settings. If you love working with children and would like to make a positive difference in the lives of others, early childhood education could be a good fit for you.

What is my earning potential?
The average teacher aide salary in Wisconsin is $27,000 per year or $13.85 per hour. Entry level positions start at $22,425 per year while most experienced workers make up to $37,050* per year.

What are my possible career pathways?
As a Teacher Aide, you will have opportunities to concentrate on specific academic areas. You can choose to work with a wide range of students – by assisting with lesson preparation – or with smaller groups who require more individualized support. Some opportunities for new challenges and career growth include:

- Infant/Toddler Teacher
- Primary Grade Teacher (Grades PreK-3 in public school)
- Special Education Teacher
- Before/After School Care Program Coordinator
- Early Intervention Educator
- Child Care Administrator

*Pay information from https://www.talent.com/salary?job=Teacher+Aide&location=Wisconsin
What local employers are looking for teacher aide candidates?
There are many local employers offering employment opportunities for Teacher Aides. Some local employers include early childhood learning centers, daycare centers and area school districts. FVTC and Goodwill can assist with employer connections at the onset of the technical training.

How much does the program cost?
There is no cost to students who qualify for the program.

Who qualifies for the program?
Individuals who have continued to face ongoing challenges and the lingering impact from the pandemic and who want to launch a lasting career. Contact us to see if you or someone you know may qualify and benefit from the program.

How do I learn more or get started?
To learn more about the CareerEXCELeRate Wisconsin program, apply to the program or refer a potential candidate:

- Visit www.CareerEXCELeRateWI.org to complete an interest form
- Call 920-204-7002
- Or email careerEXCELeRateWI@goodwillncw.org

Don’t wait! Contact us today. Class sizes are limited.

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