



# Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

**Lead the effort to provide developmental and learning opportunities for the youngest members of our society.**

Kaplan University's online Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration builds on the foundations of early childhood development best practices while also preparing you to become a leader in the early childhood field. You'll have opportunities in many different arenas, from operating or owning your own early childhood program to managing an early childhood agency or organization.<sup>1</sup>

Both government and private-sector organizations have been placing a greater emphasis on improving early childhood care and learning. There is a growing need for early childcare center directors and nonlicensed teachers who possess a bachelor's degree in the field.

This social science bachelor's degree will build your knowledge and skillset in early child growth and development; early childhood education and curriculum; business and management; and early childhood leadership and advocacy.

## Empower People and Drive Change.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. If you have a desire to help your fellow citizens—a passion to make real differences in their lives—the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is a great place to start your training. Programs are designed for people with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children, individuals with special needs, and communities. The atmosphere is always positive, reinforcing, and highly accessible.

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# Now Could Be the Right Time to Make Your Mark in the Early Childhood Field.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of childcare workers and preschool and childcare center directors is expected to grow between 2014 and 2024.<sup>2</sup> A growing population of children and heightened emphasis on early childhood education programs is expected to increase demand for workers in this field. Some employers prefer to hire workers who have taken postsecondary courses in child development<sup>2</sup>—courses like those included in Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration.

## Learn Exactly What You Need to Know.

Taking the right courses in the right degree program could contribute to your job marketability and career success.<sup>1</sup> At Kaplan University's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, you'll find the kind of commitment and support you can count on.

- Work one-on-one with an Education Advisor to build a personalized degree plan that best suits your ultimate career goals.
- Connect with an enthusiastic community of students and learn from faculty members who actively participate in their fields.
- Participate in interactive webinars, informative speaker series, and student clubs where you'll interact with industry leaders and network with individuals who share your passion for driving change.

## A Bachelor's Degree Could Help You Pursue New Opportunities.

The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration program is designed to prepare you for leadership careers in early childhood programs, childcare centers, prekindergarten programs, Head Start programs, and other before- and after-school childcare environments.<sup>3</sup>

Career outcomes for graduates of this program may include, but are not limited to, childcare center director, owner/operator of an early childhood care or education facility, childcare worker, after-school program worker, preschool teacher, preschool director, or self-employed worker.<sup>1</sup>

### Possible Career Titles:<sup>1</sup>

- Professional Development Coordinator
- Administrator/Director/Owner of Center-Based Program
- Program Coordinator
- Community Service Manager
- Preschool Teacher (Excluding Special Education)
- Head Start Director or Teacher
- Early Childhood Consultant
- Childcare Center Director
- After-School Program Worker
- Preschool Director

Please note that some preschool teaching positions require specific state training.

# Real-World Knowledge That Works.

Kaplan University's **Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration** program blends theory and practice. The curriculum provides an academic foundation in ethics, critical thinking, and communication skills suitable for a range of learning environments. Courses include: childhood growth and development, applied theory, health and nutrition, lesson planning, current issues and trends, ethics and professionalism, strategies for building family/community relationships, and early childhood leadership and advocacy.

**Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration emphasizes the following program outcomes:**

- Demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of child development and learning theory in early childhood settings
- Develop, plan, and implement strategies for building family and community relationships
- Evaluate developmentally appropriate observation and assessment to inform instructional planning for children and their families
- Evaluate developmentally appropriate principles, tools, and practices to create effective learning environments for young children
- Demonstrate the use of professional standards, ethical values, critical inquiry, and advocacy practices of the early childhood field
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of individuality and cultural diversity of children and their families to learning and development

- Master the fundamentals of issues and trends specific to early childhood and special needs
- Know how to plan and manage budgets of early childhood programs
- Understand how to recruit, motivate, and evaluate the best-qualified staff members
- Demonstrate the communication and leadership skills of an early childhood administrator

## Accelerated Master's Degree Option

Interested in continuing on to pursue a graduate degree? Our flexible degree pathways allow you to work toward any of the following Kaplan University master's degrees while you earn your bachelor's degree:

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Human Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Science in Psychology

Complete both your bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than completing both programs separately. Speak to an Education Advisor for more details upon enrollment in this bachelor's degree program.

## Program Detail

### **Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration**

**Credit Hours:** 180

Program may not be available in all states.  
Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.



## Kaplan University Tuition Cap

This program is offered at Kaplan University Tuition Cap pricing, which limits the cost of completion for eligible enrollees. For complete details, including eligibility, associated fees, and how prior learning credits could further lower the cost of attendance, visit [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/paying-school/tuition-reduction.aspx](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/paying-school/tuition-reduction.aspx).

# Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought®

## We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes Before You Owe Any Tuition.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan Commitment<sup>SM</sup> gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.<sup>4</sup>

## Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>5</sup>

## Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Addictions
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Master of Science in Psychology
- Master of Public Administration

### Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of all students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in meeting their educational, career, and personal goals.”

*Sara Sander*

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Dean and Vice President,  
College of Social and  
Behavioral Sciences



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1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Although certain programs at Kaplan University are designed to prepare students to take various certification or licensing exams, the University cannot guarantee the student will be eligible to sit for or pass those exams. In some cases, field experience, additional coursework, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams. Local, state, and/or federal agencies may require additional training or licensing.

2 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016–2017 Edition, Child Care Workers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/childcare-workers.htm>; Preschool and Childcare Center Directors, on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/ooh/management/preschool-and-childcare-center-directors.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/preschool-and-childcare-center-directors.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 The Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Administration is not represented as meeting specific state Board of Education criteria for assisting with children and teachers in a public school setting. Students are encouraged to check with their local school district on specific college education requirements needed in these fields. This program will not certify graduates to become licensed teachers.

4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see [catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) and the Kaplan Commitment Statement. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

5 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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