

Can any type of program sponsor a teacher on a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH scholarship?

Profit, church, not-for-profit, public and Head Start programs have sponsored scholarship teachers. Any licensed center wishing to make a commitment to teacher education and compensation by meeting the terms of the scholarship contract can participate.

Who funds the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program?

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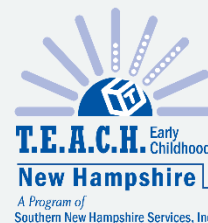
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Early Childhood Associate
Degree
Scholarship Program for
Child Care Center Teachers



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH

Who is eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Scholarship?

Any teacher who would like to attend a local college to enroll in coursework in Early Childhood Education, is employed full-time (30 hours/week minimum) in a licensed child care program or a licensed family child care home and lives in NH is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field, as shown through information on the application.

What kind of support does the scholarship program provide?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH pays:

- 90% of the cost of tuition
- 75% of the cost of books
- Travel & access stipend of \$100 each semester
- \$15/hour to the center for release time given
- \$300 bonus

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH also provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

What kind of commitment are programs required to make?

Centers must agree to:

- Contribute 5% of tuition costs
- Give teachers paid release time, compensated \$15/hour by T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH
- Provide a bonus or raise upon completion of contract

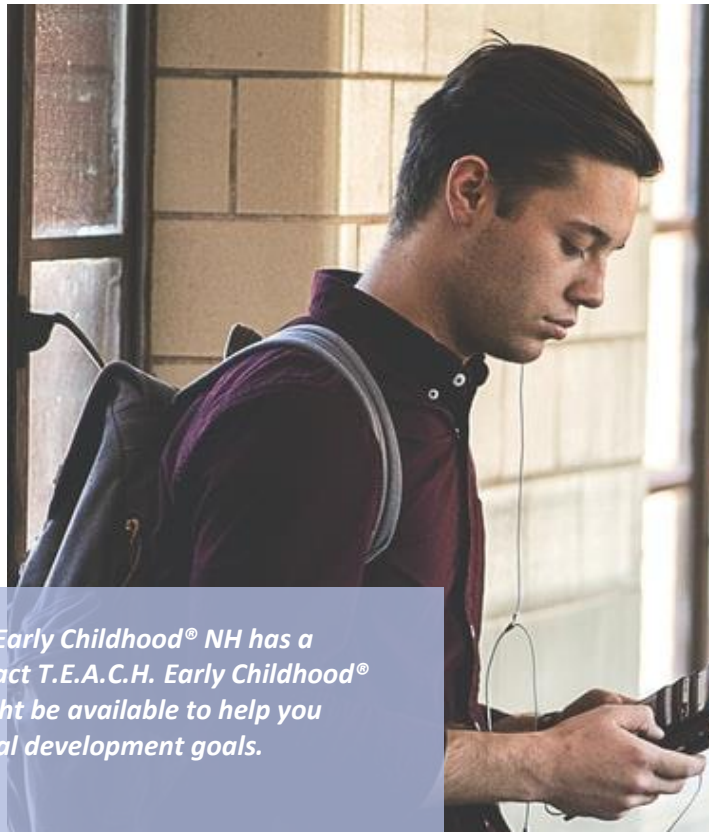
Is there flexibility in the way in which teachers and programs can participate?

Yes. Two models for participation currently exist. In one model, centers agree to provide a 2% raise. In the second model, the center agrees to contribute \$300 towards a bonus instead of a raise.

What kind of commitment are scholarship teachers required to make?

As scholarship recipients, teachers must:

- Complete 9-12 credits
- Contribute 5% of tuition costs
- Contribute 25% of book costs
- Commit to continue teaching at sponsoring center for another year in return for a salary increase or bonus



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 are no special entrance requirements.

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.

When do classes start/meet?

Classes are offered on a semester-basis and each semester lasts approximately 16 weeks. Although each college has different starting dates, generally the semesters begin in January, June and August. Most colleges offer classes online or during the day, evenings and on weekends.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH has a variety of scholarship programs. Please contact T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NH to find out about scholarships that might be available to help you meet your educational and professional development goals.