# **Unit 5 Careers/Working with Young Children**

Content Area: 21st Century Life & Careers

Course(s): **Generic Course**Time Period: **Marking Period 4** 

Length: **5 weeks** Status: **Published** 

## **Unit Introduction**

## **Standards**

CAEP.9.2.12.C.1	Review career goals and determine steps necessary for attainment.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.3	Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans.
VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.65	Identify and demonstrate positive work behaviors and personal qualities needed to succeed.
VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.67	Demonstrate skills related to seeking and applying for employment in a desired job.
VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.69	Demonstrate skills in evaluating and comparing employment opportunities in order to accept employment positions that match career goals.
VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.70	Identify and exhibit traits for retaining employment.

## **Essential Questions**

- 1. How have the social and economic changes in our society impacted childcare services?
- 2. What is the relationship between personal characteristics and success in teaching?
- 3. What are the responsibilities of teachers?
- 4. What types of career opportunities are available in the field of preschool/child development?

## **Content / Skills**

#### **CONTENT**

- 1. The relationship between social and economic changes in society and the need for childcare teachers and services
- 2. The teacher's responsibilities
- a. The curriculum
- b. The environment

- c. Communication
- 3. Characteristics of successful teachers
- 4. Career opportunities in the early childhood field

## **SKILLS**

- 1. List and explain the responsibilities of an early childhood teacher.
- 2. Describe the importance of teaching to the total child.
- 3. Explain how the direct and indirect actions of a teacher influence children.
- 4. Explain the characteristics of a successful teacher.
- 5. List various positions available in the field of early childhood.
- 6. Discuss the similarities and differences between a nanny and an aupair
- 7. Explain why a thorough knowledge in child development is critical to being a early childhood teacher.
- 8. Compare the responsibilities of a an early childhood teacher to another career.
- 8. Summarize the importance of NAEYC.