

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.7 Cincinnati State Technical and Community College,
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood
Care and Education

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education

BACKGROUND

CINCINNATI STATE TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Care & Education

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College currently offers a One-Year Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education, which meets the credit requirements of the first year of a proposed associate degree. The growing need for trained early childhood professionals in the Greater Cincinnati area was brought to the attention of the Early Childcare and Education Advisory Committee at Cincinnati State. Recognizing that the college receives over sixty inquiries a month from individuals interested in this field the advisory board has recommended that the college expand its present Certificate program to a comprehensive associate degree program.

Recently Congress mandated that a minimum of 50% of lead teachers in Head Start Centers nationwide will need to have an associate's degree by 2003 and 100% by 2008. Also, the Department of Job and Family Services is currently developing a tiered licensing system that will provide financial rewards to child care centers that employ teachers and directors with associate degrees in early childhood education. The expansion of the One-Year Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education allows the college to take a proactive role in educating and training early childhood professionals needed to meet the demand for trained professionals in this growing and critical field.

Students enrolled in this program will acquire a basic knowledge of child development, learn how to plan appropriate activities for children from birth to school age, gain effective teaching strategies, acquire an awareness of licensing standards and regulations governing centers and family child care.

Graduates of the Early Childhood Care and Education program will find career opportunities in licensed child care centers, Head Start Programs, campus operated early childhood programs, faith based preschool programs, corporate owned child care facilities, and others.