

TEACH College Enrollment Checklist

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS



Consider Before Enrolling in College

- ☐ **What area of early childhood education (ECE) interests you?**
(age groups of children, type of setting, etc.)
- ☐ **What are your career goals?**
(teacher, director, specialist, etc.)
- ☐ **What degree do you want to earn?**
(associate, bachelor's or graduate level teacher certification)
- ☐ **What course format is best for you?**
(online, in-person or hybrid)

Research Higher Education Options

- ☐ **Visit PACCA's website** for TEACH partner institutions that offer ECE degrees.
pacca.org/colleges_universities.php
- ☐ **Contact a TEACH Counselor** to discuss which institutions are right for you.
pacca.org/contact_teach.php
- ☐ **Visit college/university websites** for more information or to contact an advisor.

Steps to Enroll in College

- ☐ **Gather Transcripts and Documents:**
Collect high school transcripts, GED scores, or prior college credits for submission.
- ☐ **Apply for Admission:** Complete the college application (most have application fees).
- ☐ **Attend Orientation:** Learn about campus resources, academic advising and student support services.
- ☐ **Meet with an Academic Advisor:**
Schedule placement testing and a transcript review (if you are transferring credits) and select courses.
- ☐ **Register for Courses:** Confirm financial aid **BEFORE** registering to avoid being billed for tuition.

Financial Aid Resources

- ☐ **Apply for a TEACH Scholarship.**
pacca.org/how_to_apply.php
- ☐ **Complete the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). studentaid.gov
- ☐ **Apply for college-based scholarships.**
- ☐ **Pay attention to deadlines** to maximize financial aid.



Benefits of TEACH

**Counselors
to help you**
navigate the scholarship
program and higher
education system

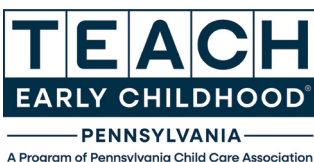


**Debt free
education**

**Increased
knowledge,
skills and
confidence**



**Increased earnings
each year,**
along with increased
professional status
and job satisfaction



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