



**Hello!**

As the upcoming spring Semester begins, we would like to share with you our upcoming Spring/Summer/Fall 2024 Orientation schedule as well as information about the other services we can offer to early childhood educators in Tennessee.

We will be offering two different types of Orientation this Summer...Literacy 30: Books and Beyond and Building Strong Brains: ACEs. The prerequisite for both courses is completion of either Center Based, Infant Toddler, Administrator, School Age or Family Childcare Orientation.

For this Fiscal Year ONLY...we are thrilled to offer a \$100 honorarium to all students who successfully complete Orientation. This is not for previous years, only for Orientations fully completed between October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The honorarium will be in the form of a check that will be presented to students after completion. Students will receive a check 4 weeks after completion.

Already completed Orientation?

We would love to assist educators in taking the next step towards CDA Coursework, ECED Technical Certificate, AAS in ECED and beyond. We offer tuition assistance at Roane State Community College, Pellissippi State Community College, East Tennessee State University, and University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Please email Emily at [belitzef@roanestate.edu](mailto:belitzef@roanestate.edu) for more information.

TECTA is continually committed to being a partner in your professional and academic success. You can find additional information about TECTA by visiting our website at [www.tecta.info](http://www.tecta.info), emailing us at [belitzef@roanestate.edu](mailto:belitzef@roanestate.edu), or calling our office at (865)481-2034.

We want to thank you for all you do for the children in Tennessee! If we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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TENNESSEE EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING ALLIANCE

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- Each Orientation is 30 clock hours of FREE DHS APPROVED training.
- You must attend all 30 hours to receive a certificate.
- Limit of 3 educators per childcare center in each orientation.
- Online & Hybrid Orientations require a laptop, desktop, or tablet. Online coursework cannot be completed on a smartphone.
- **In person meeting dates are required**

<b>Center Based-2</b> <i>For educators working with children ages 3-5</i>	Roane State Community College—Oak Ridge Campus	6/3—Module 1 6/10—Module 2 6/17—Module 3 6/24—Module 4 7/1—Module 5 7/8—Module 6 7/15—Module 7 7/22—Module 8 7/29—Module 9 8/5—Module 10	6:30-9:30 p.m.	April 1, 2024
<b>Building Strong Brains: ACEs</b> <i>For educators who have already completed 1 previous Orientation or ECED college class</i>	Online	June 1, 2024-July 31, 2024	Online	April 1, 2024
<b>TECTA Literacy 30: Books &amp; Beyond</b> <i>For educators who have already completed 1 previous Orientation or ECED college class</i>	Online	July 1-August 31	Online	April 1, 2024
<b>Center Based Hybrid-3</b> <i>For educators working with children ages 3-5</i>	Pellissippi State Community College—Hardin Valley	8/1—Module 1: in person 8/20—Module 4: in person 8/29—Module 6: in person 9/10—Module 8: in person 9/26—Module 10: in person  modules 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 completed online)	6:30-9:30 p.m.	April 1, 2024
<b>Administrator Hybrid-1</b> <i>For owners, directors, assistant directors, administrative staff only</i>	Roane State Community College—Loudon County Campus	7/30—Module 1: in person 8/01—Module 2: in person 9/17—Module 9: in person 9/19—Module 10: in person  Modules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 completed online)	6:30-9:30 p.m.	April 1, 2024
<b>School Age Online-1</b> <i>For educators working with children ages 5 and up</i>	Online	August 5, 2024-September 28, 2024	Online	April 1, 2024

# The TECTA Career Lattice

TECTA believes professional development through higher education should be an essential component of your career growth. Just like your other goals, we encourage you to develop a personalized education pathway based on your career plans, while also keeping your life in perspective.

The TECTA Career Lattice is our planning guide to help you create your personalized education pathway. Unlike a career "ladder" that describes a specific path for career advancement, a lattice represents flexible pathways for education and development in multiple directions and areas, representing the many different types of jobs available as you move vertically, horizontally, and laterally through a career in early childhood.

Contact your local TECTA office for more information about how to get started. TECTA staff are available to discuss the training, education, and professional development opportunities that will help you accomplish your career goals.

\*Courses from an accredited institution

TECTA Orientation

Earn a TECTA Certificate of Completion

The 30-hour TECTA Orientation is the "gateway" to Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential preparation and degrees, certificates, and credentials in Early Childhood. Choose from five specializations: Administrator, Center-Based, Infant/Toddler, School-Age, and Family Child Care.

Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential

CDA® Credential Preparation

Earn 12 credit hours toward an Associate Degree or Technical Certificate

ECED 2310 Safe & Healthy Learning Environments  
3 Academic Credits\*

ECED 2315 Early Childhood Curriculum  
3 Academic Credits\*

ECED 2335 Clinical Practicum I  
3 Academic Credits\* or ECED 1310 Intro to ECE  
3 Academic Credits\*

ECED 2340 Family Dynamics and Community Involvement  
3 Academic Credits\*

Associate Degrees  
A.S., A.A., A.A.S.

Technical Certificate

Earn 12-15 credit hours toward an Associate Degree

Bachelor's Degrees  
B.S., B.A.

Earn degrees in Early Childhood with support from TECTA

Graduate Degrees  
M.S., M.Ed., Ph.D., Ed.D.

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