

# Child Care Provider PROGRAM



**B**lackstone Career Institute's distance learning programs enable you to learn a new career at your own pace without disrupting your present job or lifestyle. Upon completion, you will have a Child Care Provider diploma, along with the skills and confidence necessary to obtain employment in one of the fastest growing career fields.

## The Job of the Future

As the number of dual-income households rises, alongside an increased emphasis on the importance of early childhood education programs, the number of job opportunities in child care will continue to grow. Both younger and school-age children need quality child care while their parents work or attend school, and the educational and socialization benefits of child care are well documented.

# Why Choose Child Care Provider

## The Career

Child care providers perform a variety of tasks, depending on the type of child care program that employs them. They tend to the basic needs of children—health, safety, and nutrition—as well as foster cognitive and social-emotional growth, promote independence, and help children build their self-esteem and develop their language and motor skills. Child care providers plan and implement learning activities, monitor indoor and outdoor free-play activities, and use discipline and guidance techniques to help children develop appropriate behaviors.

## Job Opportunities

Child care providers can utilize their skills in three main settings—as private households, in-home daycares, and child care facilities. Opportunities exist for home employment as a family child care provider.

## Employment Outlook

The demand for child care providers continues to grow; employment in this field is expected to rise by 7% by 2026 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016-2017 Occupational Outlook Handbook). Job seekers who are qualified through education and training should have little trouble finding employment.

## What You Can Earn

Many factors are considered when calculating salary for child care providers such as location, type of facility, ages of the children, job title, education level and years of experience. According to the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the top 10% of child care providers earned more than \$15.25 an hour.

## YOUR Program Overview

### Units 1 through 18

1. Blackstone's Skills for Success
2. English Usage and Written Communication
3. Introduction to Computers, Keyboarding and Office Technology
4. Time and Stress Management
5. Critical Thinking Skills
6. Child Care Provider 1
7. Child Care Provider 2
8. Child Care Provider 3
9. Child Care Provider 4
10. Child Care Provider 5
11. Child Care Provider 6
12. Starting a Home-Based Day Care Business 1
13. Starting a Home-Based Day Care Business 2
14. Starting a Home-Based Day Care Business 3
15. Management Practices and Principles
16. Interpersonal Communications
17. How to Find a Job in Child Day Care

## What you receive

### WITH YOUR program

- Working With Young Children by Judy Herr
- How to Start a Home-Based Day Care Business by Shari Steelsmith
- Child Care Provider Study Guides
- Starting a Home-Based Day Care Business Study Guides
- Additional Blackstone Study Units
- Blackstone Typing Tutor
- Online Student Center
- Graduation Documents

## *A Blackstone Education Provides...*

### Superior Student Services

You are not alone when studying with Blackstone. While there is no formal campus or classrooms, we offer assistance to our students that is second to none.

### Program Assistance

Our education department is simply a phone call, fax, or e-mail away if you need help with your course studies. Use our toll-free number to access our staff or e-mail your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Thorough Testing

Eighteen multiple-choice exams, chapter self-checks, and a required keyboarding assignment assist us in assessing your understanding of the concepts taught. Online testing is available through our Online Student Center.

### Ample Time

Students are permitted up to one year to complete the program. There are no formal classes to attend, so you can study when and where it suits you.

### Affordable Tuition

Our Child Care Provider Program remains one of the most reasonably priced in the country. Your tuition cost covers your entire program including all e-books, electronic resources, study guides and study units, exam and homework evaluation services, access to the Online Student Center, and your diploma.

### Financial Assistance

BCI takes the confusion out of understanding military education benefits. With career programs approved by both the Department of Veterans Affairs, and The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Program (MyCAA), Blackstone offers assistance in receiving the benefits for which you are eligible.

Many employers offer benefit programs to reimburse employees for tuition expenses. Check with your employer to see if you are eligible.

Payment plans are available for financing your career training. Call Blackstone at 800-826-9228 to find out more today!

### Online Student Center

Included with your tuition, you will have online access to your study guides and study units, exams, grades, discussion boards, and more.

### The Blackstone Facebook Page

Become a member of one of the premier social networking sites to chat with other students and share career advice. This is a great tool to keep you up to date on the latest news from Blackstone. [www.facebook.com/Blackstone Career Institute](http://www.facebook.com/Blackstone Career Institute)

### The Blackstone Career Center

Provides job search strategies, a job search databank, and career resources.

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- Regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools, Philadelphia, PA.
- An accredited member of the Better Business Bureau with a rating of A+
- Member of the Greater Lehigh Valley, PA Chamber of Commerce



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