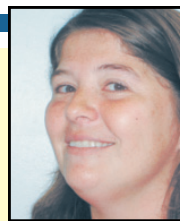


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Teacher Returns Home

Claudine Terry has returned home. This year she began her first year teaching in the child care program at MTI; the same program she studied in more than 16 years ago. After graduating high school, Claudine moved to Kentucky where she worked full time, raised three children and graduated with an AA Degree in Child Development and a B.S. Degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Child and Family Studies (a NAEYC accredited program). During these years, Claudine was a non-traditional student who faced many of life's challenges while proudly completing her education. "When my bachelors degree was conferred, I was so proud to have my cap and gown and diploma. I have set an example for my three daughters and the parents of my students." Claudine's goal was always to teach students child care techniques - training them to work in public and private child care facilities. Claudine has met and exceeded her goal. She loves teaching students of all ages the competencies they need to be successful in this much-needed profession. Last year she returned home to MTI and now teaches under the expert guidance of Sandra McCarthy Stevenson, her first teacher at MTI more than 16 years ago.



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Creative Kacey

A creative and determined student, Kacey Shives attends the MTI Child Care Program in the morning and Palmetto High School in the afternoon. An talented student, she enrolled in the Child Care Academy at Palmetto High School her freshman and sophomore years. At the beginning of her junior year, she began her studies in the Child Care Program MTI program where she will graduate in 2007. In the program she has studied state rules and regulations, childhood nutrition, children's growth and development and how to look for and report child abuse. She credits Claudine Terry with her accomplishments in the program. "Ms. Terry is a good teacher because she is not all about bookwork. I learned many hands-on activities to use with children." Kacey uses what she has learned in her part time job in an after school program. She is passionate about creating art projects and conducting science experiments with the children and they adore working with her on creative art projects. After graduation Kacey plans to attend MCC and her long-term goal is to complete her education at USF. Kacey dreams of becoming a teacher or social worker because "children are fun." Creative Kacey will fulfill her dream.

InnoVators QUALITY CHILD CARE AT MTI

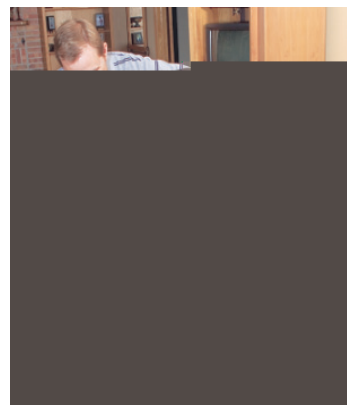
Child care is an exciting and rewarding career. The child care and early education profession encompasses people who work with young children and families in a variety of settings, including center-based programs, school-age programs, family child care homes, and group child care homes. Manatee Technical Institute offers programs preparing child care and early education professionals to work in all of these settings.

The Early Childhood Education Program at MTI teaches students basic child care skills. The program is open to both high school and adult students. Classes meet in the mornings for two semesters. Students spend one hour a day engaged in traditional classroom instruction and two hours a day training in the Early Educare Child Care Center under the supervision of trained professionals. During their training, students learn how to attend to children's basic needs and organize activities that stimulate their physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth. Graduates of the program are prepared to take the state test for entry-level positions in the child care profession. In addition to the Early Childhood Education Program, MTI offers a two-year, 288-hour Child Care Apprenticeship program for individuals who are full-time employees working at participating licensed child care facilities.



MTI's Early Educare Facility is licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Family Services and serves infants to children five years old. In addition to serving TAPP and Community High School students, the facility is open to the public from 7:00AM to 6:00PM providing exceptional private sector early education day care. The Early Educare program also offers two VPK (Voluntary Pre Kindergarten) classrooms with wrap-around services for the children and their families.

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Career Pathways in Manatee County

Today's Career Focus:

Occupational Title	Entry Level Wage	Mean (average) wage
Child Care Worker	\$6.99 (per hour)	\$18.56 (per hour)
Child Care Worker	\$14,545.32 (annual)	\$18,491.93 (annual)
Other residential care facilities		\$9.66
Elementary and secondary schools		\$9.22
Civic and social organizations		\$7.62
Other amusement & recreation industries		\$7.58
Child day care services		\$7.34

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com> Florida Market Statistics Occupational Employment Statistics and Wages Program.

Tech Prep Career Pathways

Students desiring to further career skills in child care can find related programs at these area schools:

- Lakewood Ranch High School
- Manatee High School
- Palmetto High School

Professional Organizations

- Council for Professional Recognition
- National Child Care Association
- National Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Florida Association of Child Care Apprenticeship Programs

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Let's Make GAK Together

- Mix equal parts of liquid starch and Elmer's glue in a plastic container.
- Add the starch a little at a time, stirring with a spoon or kneading with your fingers as mixture thickens.
- Gradually add Tempera paint for coloring.
- Stir until color is thoroughly mixed in.
- Keep stirring until mixture holds together like putty.
- Test with your fingers. If the mixture is too sticky, add more starch in small amounts until mass is smooth and rubbery.
- Play with the substance.
- Ask the following questions:
 - What do you observe about the different states of the GAK matter?
 - What are the physical characteristics of GAK (color, shape, texture, viscosity, and strength)?
 - What is its consistency?
 - What are the changes in the substance as it interacts with various surfaces and temperatures?
- Have fun!



- GAK is not appropriate for young children who experiment with objects in their mouths.
- GAK is not easily removed from clothing and fabric and may stain.

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Check out the following websites:

- www.faccap.org
- www.nccc.org
- <http://www.bls.gov/oco>
- www.nccanet.org
- www.cdacouncil.org
- www.naccrra.org
- www.childcareaware.org
- www.bls.gov



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