

# Sponsoring & Mentoring

Early Childhood Education

Pre-Apprenticeship Program

for Career & Technical

Education Students

Early childhood education is a rewarding career in a field with high demand. High-school students interested in a career in early childhood education have a unique opportunity to participate in the Early Childhood Education Pre-Apprenticeship Program during the 2022-23 school year. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program pairs classroom-based learning and CCV credit-bearing academic education with on-the-job experiential learning in a community early childhood education setting.

## Benefits to early childhood education programs and mentors:

- Mentors receive a stipend of \$500/semester
- ECE programs receive a stipend of \$250/semester
- Mentors may take Mentor Pedagogy course with the option to receive graduate or undergraduate credit at no cost
- Personal satisfaction of knowing you and your program are playing a unique role in supporting students at the beginning of their early childhood education career journey





# **How to Participate**

#### Requirements and Expectations:

- ECE programs have 3 stars in the VT STARS program
- Mentors have a minimum of Level 3A on the Northern Lights Career Ladder
- Mentors provide positive guidance and timely feedback to interns
- Mentors observe interns, complete one skill-level assessment monthly, and submit monthly mentor logs



## **Learn More**

To learn more about sponsoring or mentoring a high school student in the VT ECE Pre-Apprenticeship Program, please contact:

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