

Infant & Toddler Programs

UCP's Infant and Toddler Program Hours:

Morning Only: (8:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m)

School Day: 8:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m with early dismissal on Wednesdays

Full Day: Hours vary by campus

Infants

Picture your little angel in a warm, comforting environment where teachers love babies and understand how to help develop their self-esteem and sense of security. At UCP, you will find that and more.

We recognize the need for your baby to have a close connection with their care taker; which is why we have one staff member to every four babies. It is our goal to offer your growing baby both group and individual playtime that engages all their senses. Whether its buggy rides to the nature trail area, swinging on the playground or sitting quietly on the lap of a teacher who knows how important comfort is to your child, UCP offers opportunities for learning and growing in even the simplest activities.

Young infants are encouraged to coo and vocalize, teeth on appropriate toys, roll over and eventually sit alone. They are also encouraged to track objects and respond to their environment by vocalizing, smiling and turning toward caregivers while being held or read to. Infants learn about cause and effect by grasping and releasing objects, kicking or swatting at a mobile to activate sounds and tipping their bottle to get that last bit of milk. Older infants are encouraged to crawl and pull-up on child size tables and chairs, manipulate objects, move with music, and engage in back and forth play with adults. Communication is fostered using sign language and word approximations. Teachers encourage older infants to decrease their dependence on pacifiers and bottles and learn to enjoy healthy snacks with their peers.

Toddlers

Toddlers are busy exploring the world around them. We recognize your child's instinct to discover how the great big world works. That is why UCP's toddler programs are led by a group of dynamic, energetic and qualified teachers who offer plenty of indoor and outdoor opportunities to explore.

We provide lots of opportunities for active toddlers to use their bodies and to learn about their surroundings. Younger toddlers are beginning to develop more precise eye-hand coordination. Teachers encourage this by providing opportunities for them to manipulate toys that require turning knobs, flipping switches, and pushing buttons. They are also encouraged to turn pages in a book and to imitate the hand motions of finger-plays and songs. Older toddlers are encouraged to recognize the names of familiar objects and people and to begin using language to communicate. They also participate in activities of daily living by washing and drying their hands, getting a book for the teacher to read and putting toys away.

Curriculum

UCP of Central Florida uses **The Creative Curriculum®** and **Baby Doll Circle Time©** for our Infant and Toddler Program.

The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos is a play-based program. Its focus is on creating intentional and developmentally appropriate environments for children to guide them to school readiness. The goals of the curriculum are:

1. *Social/Emotional Development:* To learn about self and others by trust known, caring adults, regulate own behavior, manage own feelings, respond to other's feelings with growing empathy, play with other children, learn to be a member of a group and use personal care skills.

2. *Physical Development:* Demonstrate basic gross motor skills and basic fine motor skills.

3. *Cognitive Development:* Sustain attention, understand how objects can be used, show a beginning understanding of cause and effect, show a beginning understanding that things can be grouped, use problem-solving strategies and engage in pretend play. 4. *Language Development:* Develop receptive and expressive language, participate in conversations, enjoy books and being read to, show an awareness of pictures and print and experiment with drawing and writing.

Baby Doll Circle Time focuses on the relationship between caregivers and children and reduces the stress of out-of-home care. The lessons utilize attachment, atonement and social play to wire the brain for optimal development, and helps children develop healthy blueprints for self-regulation, relationships and sense of self.

Ratios and Group Sizes:

(Note: Ratios and class size may vary based on the individual needs of the students)

Age of Child	Group Size (Maximum)	Staffing
Birth - 24 Months	8 Children	Four children to one staff (4:1)
24 Months - 36 Months (toddler Room)	12 children - 14 Children	Four/ five Children to one staff (4/5:1)

Minimum Staff Qualifications

Classroom Type	Teacher	Lead Teacher Assistant	Teacher Assistant
Infant Room	Associate Degree or Child Development Associate (CDA)	Associate Degree or Child Development Associate (CDA)	High School Diploma Experience working with young children
Toddler Room	Bachelors Degree (Early Childhood or Related Field) Certified in Pre-K and Exceptional Student Education by State of Florida Department of Education	Associative Degree or Child Development Associate (CDA)	High School Diploma Experience working with young children

Eligibility

- The UCP Infant/Toddler program serves children ages 6 weeks to 3 years with and without disabilities.

Program Costs

- Children with Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) with "Classroom" as an eligible service - FREE Tuition - Generally two or four mornings a week (Before school/After school is an additional charge)
- Children without IFSP/ Private Pay - Rates vary by campus
- UCP also accepts 4C Subsidized childcare vouchers
- Before care/After care also available

Locations

- **Downtown Orlando/Holloway Campus**

(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
4680 Lake Underhill Road
Orlando, FL 32807

- **Pine Hills Campus**

(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
5800 Golf Club Way
Orlando, FL 32808

- **Lake Mary/Seminole Campus**

(Kindergarten - 3rd Grade)
756 N. Sun Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

- **Winter Garden/West Orange**

(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
1297 Winter Garden Vineland Road
Winter Garden, FL 34787

- **East Orange/UCF/Bailes Campus**

(Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
12702 Science Dr.,
Orlando, FL 32826

- **Osceola/Kissimmee Campus**

(Kindergarten - 3rd Grade)
1820 Armstrong Bld.
Kissimmee, FL 34741

How to Enroll:

To begin the enrollment process in UCP's Infant and Toddler Programs, complete the Initial Inquiry Form on the UCP website www.ucpcf.org