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**Triton College**

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**Triton College Child Development Center Recognized for Excellence with Top  
NAEYC Accreditation**



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**RIVER GROVE, ILL.** — Triton College's Child Development Center (CDC) has received the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) highest level of accreditation, earning the Accreditation+ designation through 2030. The recognition follows an overall score of 97.7%, including perfect ratings in seven of NAEYC's 10 standards.

The Accreditation+ ranking signifies that Triton's CDC consistently meets rigorous, research-based standards for teaching, curriculum, relationships, health and safety, family engagement and leadership.

According to CDC Director Misti Sanchez, the achievement reflects the passion, dedication and professionalism the CDC team brings into the classroom every day.

“Both my team and I are absolutely thrilled to receive the Accreditation+ designation from NAEYC,” she said.

“This demonstrates that the families in our community can trust that they are receiving the highest caliber of early learning and care available,” Sanchez said. “These scores make it clear that children in our center are supported socially, emotionally, physically and academically. Families can feel confident knowing their children are in a program that prioritizes excellence and remains consistently aligned with national best practices.”

The Child Development Center Lab School fosters growth in all areas of child development with research-based instructional practices while emphasizing a love of learning through an engaging curriculum and hands-on, play-based experiences. The school offers a range of high-quality, supervised educational programs for children ages 15 months to 5 years — all accredited by NAEYC.

Sanchez noted that Triton’s commitment to the “whole child” sets the program apart. She and her team partner closely with Triton’s Early Childhood Education Program, keeping the CDC connected to current field standards while giving Triton students valuable firsthand experience in early childhood instruction.

To learn more about the Child Development Center, [view its website](#).

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