

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

NYS CIP CODE: 19.0709

Program Summary

- Work side-by-side with a certified teacher in a daycare or elementary classroom.
- Participate in work-based learning experiences with the YMCA, Children's Hospital, the Buffalo Zoo, UB Childcare and more.
- Create and teach your own lessons in a preschool program run right out of our school.
- Re-experience the fun of your early childhood years through art, music, and storytelling.

College Credit Connections

- Herkimer County Community College
- Medaille College
- Niagara County Community College
- SUNY Canton
- SUNY Erie

Additional Information

- Current physical and PPD required.
- This program is eligible for post-secondary dual enrollment opportunities.

Career Pathways

Professional Careers

Child Life Specialist
Child Psychologist
Children's Librarian
Elementary School Teacher
Office of Child and Family Services
Pediatric Nurse or Pediatrician
Play Therapists
School Administrator
Social Worker
Speech and Language Pathologist

Technical Careers

Children's Author
Children's Museum Educator
Day Care Director / Owner
Lead Teacher - Daycare
Teacher Aide

Entry Level Careers

Before / After School Care
Coach
Dance Instructor
Nanny
Preschool Aide
Recreation Programs



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Intro to Early Childhood Education

- Opportunities in Early Childhood
- Your Role in Careers with Children

Using Technology

- Educational Apps
- Photography in the Classroom

Literature

- Methods of Storytelling
- Choosing Children's Books
- Children's Authors

Health and Safety

- Guidelines for Promoting Children's Safety
- Health Guidelines for Working with Children
- Indicators of Child Abuse
- Special Health Concerns

Guidance and Discipline

- Direct and Indirect Guidance
- Appropriate Social-Emotional Skills

Curriculum

- Daily Routines
- Program Goals
- Use of Themes
- Choosing DAP Activities
- Block Plans/Lesson Plans

Brain Development

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- Developmental Theorists

Birth to School Age

- Physical, Social-Emotional, and Intellectual Development
- Appropriate Teaching Materials
- Special Concerns

Music and Art

- Music and Movement Activities
- Music and Language Skills
- Art and Sensory Experiences
- Stages of Art Development

Math and Number Readiness

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- Assessing Math Readiness
- Math Learning Centers

Science

- Science Themes
- Experiments
- Science Learning Centers

Value of Play

- Guiding Play and Puppetry Experiences
- Stages of Play
- Planning for Dramatic Play

Children with Special Needs

- Caring for Children with Special Needs
- IEP (Individualized Education Plans)
- Careers in Support Services (OT, PT and Speech)

Social Studies

- Diversity in Our Community
- Multicultural and Multigenerational Families
- Field Trip Experiences

