

The focus of the **Early Childhood Education** Program is to prepare students for careers working with children from birth to eight years of age. The emphasis of the first year of the program is prenatal development, birth through middle childhood, child nutrition, and techniques for effective guidance. The second year will focus on developing curriculum and internships in the public schools.

Using an educational and community approach, the Early Childhood Education Program (ECE) implements the wholistic approach to education, recognizing the importance of a parent's role in the education of their child, as well as the development of children.

ECE students establish networks with the Offices of Children and Family Services; the Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health through their experiences and course study.



**Program Content...**

**Child Development**

- Stages of Child Development
- Cognitive Development
- Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Infants & Toddlers
- Special Needs

**Curriculum**

- English Language Arts
- Math Experiences
- Science Experiences
- Art
- Block-building
- Sensory Experiences
- Food & Nutrition Experiences
- Children's Literature
- Developmental Appropriate Educational Activities
- Music & Movement

**Health, Safety, First Aid & Nutrition**

- Child & Adult Care Food Program Guidelines
- Safety Guidelines & Regulations
- Health Department Regulations
- Social Services Day Care Regulations
- Infant/Toddler CPR
- New York State Education Department Regulations

**Management Activities**

- Guidance Concerns
- Handling Daily Routines
- Establishing Classroom Rules
- Building Guidance Skills
- Client Communications & Confidentiality
- Internship in public school during second year of the Program.

**Meeting the needs of young children...**

**ECE students receive training to foster the child's...**

- Intellect
- Social development
- Emotional development
- Physical well-being

**Characteristics of the ECE student...**

- Energetic
- Compassionate
- Motivated
- Responsible
- Independent
- Focused

**Do you have a desire to work with young children?**

**Internship Experiences...**

Students can participate in an internship experience where they will apply their knowledge while working with professionals in authentic career settings. Students will have an opportunity to dialog with practitioners via guest presentations while developing professional insights and future

**Portfolio...**

All second year students will complete a Career and Technical Education Portfolio that exhibits necessary elements for CTE Endorsement and demonstrates competencies in Early Childhood Education.

**Benefits...**

*Articulation Agreements/College Credit*

- Onondaga Community College
- SUNY Cobleskill
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Cayuga Online—Cayuga Community College

*Completed Career Portfolio*

*Integrated English Credit*

*Internship Experience*

**Early Childhood Education could lead to careers in...**

- Teacher (UPK—3rd Grade)
- Special Education Teacher
- Guidance Counselor
- Early Intervention Specialist
- Speech Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Principal
- Family Counselor
- Case Worker
- Head Start Director

**Program Requirements...**

- Tuberculin Test
- Finger-Print
- Criminal Background Check
- Current School Physical
- Proof of Immunization

\*TB & Finger-Printing supplied by Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES

**For more information, contact ...**

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