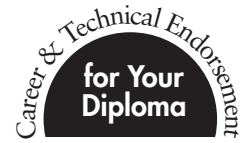




# Early Childhood Education & Care

accredited by the National Accreditation of Child Care Professionals



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE prepares students for entry-level employment in early childhood programs. The course combines classwork and discussion on the development and behavior of young children with actual job experience in the BOCES Learning Laboratory Pre-school and at cooperating field sites.

## Work Environment

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education and Care Program, students can pursue employment in public or private schools and centers. Many students continue their education after Tech at both two and four year colleges.

## Career Opportunities

- Nannies
- Recreation Aides
- Teacher Aides/Assistants at:
  - Day Care Centers
  - Elementary Schools
  - Nursery Schools
  - Special Education Schools
  - Before/After School Programs

## Advanced Standing Available\*

Five Towns College  
 Herkimer County Community College  
 Nassau Community College  
 Pennsylvania College of Technology  
 SUNY Canton  
 SUNY Cobleskill

\*Advanced Standing may be available to those who successfully complete this Tech course. See Articulation Agreements on page 49.

## Employment Outlook

The demand for well trained child care workers remains high. Many students pursue entry level employment opportunities while others continue their education and training at college.

## Student Supplies

Each student will be provided with a Early Childhood Education and Care uniform which is required to be worn while in the on-site learning laboratory.

NYS law requires volunteers at Early Childhood Centers to submit to a background check. To meet this requirement all Early Childhood II students will be fingerprinted in September through the Suffolk County Child Care Council at no cost to the student.

## Academic credits integrated:

- Technical Math
- Technical Science
- English 12
- Economics/Participation in Gov't

## CTE Endorsement

In order to be granted the Technical Diploma endorsement, students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, including Career and Financial Management (CFM), and pass the following national certification exam: National Occupational Competency Testing Exam (NOCTI) - Early Childhood Care and Education Assessment Exam.

## Course Outline

- Practical experience in the on-site Learning Laboratory Pre-school.
- Field site experience in child care centers, elementary schools, schools for the child with special needs and nursery schools
- Study of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school age children and children with special needs.
- Study of areas of development: intellectual, physical, social, emotional and creative.
- Planning and guiding age appropriate activities including: language arts, music, circle time, art, food experiences and games
- Observation Techniques
- Learning Theories
- Employability Skills

## Consider these classes at Tech

- Culinary Arts
- Food Services\*
- Medical Assisting
- Nurse Assist/Prof Health Careers
- Police Science & Law

All placements are based upon individual needs and approval from the district and parent/guardian.

\*Smaller class size.