



Early Childhood Education

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 work experience in our Learning Laboratory Preschool and at offsite high school internships.

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

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

Advanced Standing Available*

Five Towns College
 Herkimer County 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 41.

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 uniform top which is required to be worn while in the on-site learning laboratory and out in the field. The student will be required to wear black pany and white sneakers.

NYS childcare regulations require that students participating in the Early Childhood II internship program will be required to provide a completed medical clearance form, including Mantoux test, by their health provider, and get fingerprinted prior to attending the internship program

Academic credits integrated:

See chart, page 26

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 Preschool.
- Field site experience in child care centers, elementary schools, schools for the child with special needs
- 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: literacy language arts, music, circle time, art, food experiences and games
- Observation Techniques
- Theories of Child Development
- Employability Skills
- Health & Safety

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.