



Early Childhood Education

Approved by New York State Education Department (NYSED)



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION helps prepare students for entry-level employment in early childhood programs and continuation in post-secondary institutions. 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 school internships. Tasks include: guidance of children, lesson planning, weekly textbook assignments that require strength in English Language Arts and observation of children. Students are offered CPR Training In the Second year of the program.

Work Environment

Upon completion of the Early Childhood Education Program, students can pursue employment at public or private schools and Early Childhood 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 Community College
Monroe College
Nassau Community College
SUNY Canton
SUNY Cobleskill

*College credits may be earned by meeting the criteria of articulation agreements (see listing in Handbook) Tech has established with SELECT colleges. In addition, check directly with the post-secondary institutions for any additional credits they may offer.

Academic credits integrated:

Tech Math, Tech Phys Sci, Eng 12, CFM, Art, Comp App

CTE Endorsement

Students must successfully meet the academic and attendance criteria for a two-year Wilson Tech Certificate of Completion, be High School diploma eligible, and pass the following exam: National Occupational Competency Testing Exam (NOCTI) - Early Childhood Education and Care Exam.

Student Supplies

Additional supplies will need to be purchased for this program including a uniform.

Average Annual Wage

Salaries are subject to market fluctuations.
For the most current updates on local & national wages go to job search engines on the internet and www.careerzone.ny.gov

Course Outline

- Practical experience in the on-site Learning Laboratory Preschool.
- Internship experience in child care centers, primary schools, including working with 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
- Child Nutrition
- Observation Techniques
- Theories of Child Development
- Employability Skills
- Health & Safety
- Guidance & Behavior Techniques