

# Early Childhood Education

(Newport News Campus) Course #8234/8285

Verified credit w/ NOCTI Examination

College  
Credit  
Available

Human  
Services

## If You Like:

- Cooking
- Being Creative in the Kitchen
- Hands-On Learning
- Planning Meals & Menus
- Working with People

..... Then this is the program for you!

## About the program:

Students in grades 11-12, who are interested in working professionally with young children (e.g. medical, social services, and education) may enroll in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) one-year program. Critical thinking, practical problem solving, and entrepreneurship opportunities within the field of early childhood education are emphasized. Practice experiences (e.g. on-site lab, local daycare centers, elementary schools, other institutions) under the supervision of the instructor are required.

## Topics of study:

- Planning a safe and healthy learning environment
- Steps to advance children's physical & intellectual development
- Positive ways to support children's social & emotional development
- Establishing positive & productive relationships w/ families
- Strategies to manage an effective program of operation
- Preparation for the profession
- Observation & recording of children's behavior
- Principles of child growth & development
- Participation in practical work experiences

## Career Opportunities:

- Family Day Care Provider
- Teacher Assistant, Day Care Worker, or Nursery School Worker
- Child Care Center Director
- Special Needs Preschool Teacher or Montessori Preschool Teacher
- Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary or Special Education Teacher
- Recreation Leader or Camp Director
- Child Psychologist

## Certifications:

- NOCTI Examination

## Additional Information:

Students should be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking the English language. Students are required to have completed English 10 with a grade of "C" or above. Students must supply their own personal craft supplies and have a current Tuberculin skin test.