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# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Early Childhood Development program offers students the opportunity to study the development of children from conception through the elementary years, with an emphasis on the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of the child. The on-site lab school provides hands-on experiences in planning and implementing lessons as well as observing preschool children. This program is a foundation for any student wanting to pursue a career in education or working with children in any capacity. Students have an opportunity to attain their CPR/AED certification upon program completion. Additionally, students are eligible in this program for work based learning opportunities at various preschool sites within Cape May County.

## STUDENTS WILL

- Learn about prenatal development, newborns/children up to age 3, and brain development
- Work directly with the preschool children that are enrolled at the Lab School Center within Cape May Tech.
- Apply child development principles to develop curriculum and prepare classroom lesson plans and learning experiences.
- Receive dual credit from post-secondary institutions.
- Participate in NJ Future Educators Association as well as the Tomorrow's Teacher Program affiliated with Stockton University.
- Explore a wide range of job opportunities within the field of education through internships, field trips, and other interactions with industry professionals.
- Have an opportunity to attain their CPR/AED certification upon program completion.

## CAREER PATHWAYS

PREK-5 TEACHERS // EDUCATION & CHILDCARE ADMINS. // TEACHING ASSISTANTS // SOCIAL WORKERS // THERAPISTS // COUNSELORS // SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS