

### Professional Development Plan

Do you want to be an ECI (infant/toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?	I want to be an ECP major because preschool children are more independent. At this part of their life they have developed fine and gross motor skills, they begin to socialize and communicate more fluently, their learning is more structured, they can follow routines, participate in group activities and express emotions and thoughts more clearly. It is worthy noting that at the teaching level, more structured strategies can be used such as symbolic games, stories, art and activities that encourage autonomy and creativity, they also begin habits of independence such as dressing, feeding themselves and following instructions.
What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group?	The qualities I have that will help me work successfully with this age group are my empathy and my ability to be interested in the different ways these little ones can communicate with me. I love creativity and this involves using engaging activities such as storytelling, music and hands-on projects. Being creative helps keep them interested, while adaptability is crucial when plans don't go as expected. I like to keep things in order where both parties can feel comfortable. Therefore, I must establish routines, set expectations and manage behavior effectively, whilst maintaining a warm and nurturing environment where I can learn from them and they can learn from me.
What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?	Skills that I would like to develop that would help me to be more efficient when working with this age group is to know more in depth their developments from the psychological perspective, this will lead me to have a deeper knowledge and have better management with my students since learning has to do largely with a good mental and emotional development. Also, learning strategies to help each child in their areas of stagnation. This with the purpose of when I have to work with the children I can teach the same subject to different children with different ways of learning. Therefore, instead of them having to get used to my way of teaching, I adapt to their level of learning and not cause them trauma or insecurities for their educational growth in the future.
What are your career goals?	My career goals are to earn my bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a focus on disability studies, get a full-time job at a school as a preschool teacher, and at the same time study for a master's degree. In a period of two to three years after, I would also like to use my academic knowledge to make an impact in my community by opening a day care center with trained people to offer affordable service to low-income people.
What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain a good GPA.</li> <li>2. Gain internships and work experiences</li> <li>3. Develop professional skills .</li> <li>4. Make an impact in my field.</li> <li>5. Achieve financial independence.</li> </ol>

What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals?

1. Maintain a good GPA.
2. Learn from my professors and follow their advice.
3. Choose the right classes.
4. Join to Early Childhood Educations Workshops.
5. Stay in contact to my advisor.