

Professional Development Plan Example

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Do you want to be an ECI (infant-toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?	I want to be an ECI (infant-toddler) major because I am amazed and thrilled to witness the development that occurs during the first three years of life. I want to observe babies grow into independent toddlers. I want to get to know and partner with families, learning about their unique culture and traditions.
What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group?	Working with infants involves relationship-based practices, sensory experiences, and being culturally sustaining. I am respectful, responsive, and can be attuned to other people. I like engaging in messy play, except I do not like sticky substances. I enjoy learning about other cultures and thinking of how I can embed a child's culture into the a classroom.
What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?	In order to support development, I need to learn the stages of development and developmental milestones for children under three. To be culturally sustaining, I need to recognize my biases and learn about other cultures. To create sensory experiences, I need to be creative.
What are your career goals?	I want to be an infant-toddler teacher in an Early Head Start. After several years, I want to become a supervisor/ director. Finally, I want to find a position that involves making policy for infants, toddlers, and families.
What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete my Associates at BMCC 2. Complete my Bachelors in Early Childhood Education 3. Find a position as an infant-toddler teacher 4. Enroll in a Masters program 5. Become a supervisor/ director 6. Enroll in a doctorate program in education
What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to the gym & pool to stay healthy 2. See if I am eligible for Out-in-Three, ASAP, BLA or College Discovery 3. Talk to my advisor about transfer options 4. Meet with the Immigration Services & Legal Referral Services 5. Contact the BMCC Child Care Center for child care 6. Investigate study spaces & computer lab hours on campus 7. Go to ARC to discuss housing



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