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ECE 110-S Professional Development Plan - *Revised*

Do you want to be an ECI (infant/ toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?	I would want to be ECI (infant/toddler) major because working in pediatric dentistry for three years made me realize my favorite part of the day was helping kids feel safe and comfortable. I loved being there for that small part, and it inspired me to go into a classroom setting where I could continue to support their growth every day instead of just during a quick appointment. want to be a lead teacher during those first big developmental milestones.
What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group?	I am patient, which is necessary when you are dealing with toddler who are still learning how to handle their emotions. I am also a good observer, I have learned to pay attention to their body language when they are frustrated, tired. When you stay calm and do not over react in situations the children will know to react as well.
What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?	I want to get better at scaffolding. I know the idea behind it, but I want to be more effective at knowing exactly when to step in and help a child reach that next milestone and when to let them figure it out on their own. I also want to improve how I communicate with parents. It can be difficult to give feedback or talk about a child's development in a professional way that still feels supportive, so I want to build more confidence in that aspect .
What are your career goals?	My goal is to become a Lead Teacher in an early childhood setting, specifically working with the birth to three age group. After I finish my Associate's, I plan on getting my Bachelor's at Hunter and my New York State Certification so I can eventually run my own classroom and make sure the kids are getting the best start possible.
What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?	1. Finish my Associate's Degree: Getting through my ECE classes with good grades. 2. Keep gaining classroom experience: Staying hands on with the age group so I can see the milestones happen in real time 3. Transfer to a 4-year school: Moving on to a program like Hunter College to get my Bachelor's 4. Pass certification exams: Taking the tests required by New York State. 5. Stay up to date on training: Keeping my health and safety certifications current.
What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals?	1. Work closely with my academic advisor: Making sure every class I take will transfer and count toward my next degree. 2. Focusing on the observation labs: Using the video and in-person labs to study how kids move and interact. 3. Use the Learning Resource Center: Getting help with my essays and observation papers for extra support. 4. Talk to my professors: Learning from their actual experience working in NYC schools and childcare centers. 5. Stay organized with my field hours: Keeping a strict schedule so I can balance my classes and my work in the classroom.



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