

Professional Development Plan

<p>Do you want to be an ECI (infant/ toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?</p>	<p>I would like to be a ECP major. I truly believe the early years of a child's life are important in shaping their character and who they become. Growing up, I was surrounded by teachers who consistently showed me love and care, especially during some of my most difficult times dealing with asthma. As a child, I was very sensitive and emotional, and the support I received from my teachers helped me grow more independent and taught me how to face challenges without fear. These positive experiences and meaningful connections during this time can leave a lasting impact as they did to me.</p>
<p>What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group? Use examples from the course.</p>	<p>Some qualities that I have that will help me succeed in working with preschoolers are my passion for working with children. My knowledge, capability, & motivation in wanting to learn and do more to help others and myself. In class we learned how to observe children and the importance of doing so. Through this, I developed the ability to better understand each child by paying attention to their behavior and actions. Participating in group work helped improve my communication skills that can be used when speaking with parents. I also have strong time management skills that can be used when making lectures for children and helping improve their level of learning.</p>
<p>What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?</p>	<p>I would like to develop stronger creative skills so I can keep children engaged and make learning fun and interactive. I also want to improve my problem solving skills so I can respond calmly and effectively to different situations, such as behavioral challenges. In addition, I would like to learn more about different learning styles, since every child learns in their own way. Understanding this will help me adapt my teaching and better support each child's individual needs.</p>
<p>What are your career goals?</p>	<p>My career goals are to start by working in after-school programs so I can get a different perspective experience on the sidelines and learn more about the environment while I'm in college. After I graduate, I hope to become an early childhood educator and maybe continue on to get my master's degree. Eventually, I want to find the right place to work with kids, even if that means looking outside of New York.</p>
<p>What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continuing my college education, putting in the effort.2. Looking for jobs that fall into my major.3. Developing strong communication and problem skills.4. Pursuing my masters degree.5. Being patient with my journey.

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

1. Taking ECE courses and others that are needed.
2. Participating in internships, fairs or clubs.
3. Asking for help from professors and advisors to plan my career path.
4. Working part time in after school programs expressed.
5. Passing all my classes!



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