ECE 110-S

Professional Development Plan

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Do you want to be an ECI (infant-toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?	I love children and love the process of learning and sharing my knowledge, so when I recently determined that a career change would be useful to me, early childhood education seemed like a natural choice. I chose preschool over infant-toddler, because I love engaging with kids, hearing their thoughts, and watching them learn, and doing those things becomes more possible as children get older.
What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group?	I am enthusiastic when teaching and when interacting with children, and I think I have a unique mindset that helps me relate to children.
What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?	I would like to improve my ability to communicate clearly with young children, in addition to learning more specifics about childhood development, and teaching and learning styles.
What are your career goals?	My current goal is to be a public school kindergarten teacher.
What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?	Succeed in individual courses, both in terms of grade and (more importantly) absorption of material (Ongoing step throughout education) Complete associate's degree in ECE with concentration in preschool from BMCC Transfer to a four-year program Complete Bachelor's in ECE
	5. Attend and complete master's program
What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals?	 Take required courses Study independently, with tutors, and with fellow students
	 Think critically about course materials Ask questions and request help when struggling or unsure of anything
	Utilize all resources provided by the school (special programs, academic advisors, tutors, professors' office hours)