

Professional Development Plan

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| Do you want to be an ECI (infant/toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why? | I would like to be a an ECP major because I love working with children. Children between the ages of 3-8 years old are discovering the world and gaining a sense of independence, as they do that, I would love to be there guiding them and helping them become part of the world. |
| What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group? | The qualities I possess that would make me successful is being flexible and ability to adapt, empathetic, and knowledgeable. Being able to be flexible and adapting to any setting would be great in a classroom because it will allow me to adjust to new circumstances, it doesn't always go as planned in a classroom. Having empathy in a classroom would help me connect and understand my students at an emotional level. Lastly, being knowledgeable would help me recognize if a child needs help, understand how children grow cognitively, socially and emotionally. |
| What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group? | The skills I would like to develop that would make me more effective while working with this age group is becoming a better observer, in that way I can keep track of students/children's milestones. Also, I would like to be more creative and imaginative. Being creative would allow me to experiment with new forms of expression like writing styles, visual elements, and storytelling. I believe if I can be more effective doing this then I can keep the children engaged and help them with critical thinking and being creative themselves. |
| What are your career goals? | Some career goals I have are getting my bachelor's and master's degree in early childhood education. I would love to one day have my own classroom in either kindergarten or first grade. I also want to pass all the required teacher certification exams, gain expertise in early childhood development, and build a professional network. |
| What steps will you take to achieve those career goals? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take all the necessary classes for associates, bachelor's and master's degree. 2. Read and reference the Core Body of Knowledge manual for early childhood education 3. Volunteer at schools seeking mentorship from experienced teachers by observing their kindergarten or first grade classroom. 4. Take courses that will help me obtain certificates to work successfully with children such as the Academic Literacy Skills Test, Educating All Students, Content Specialty Test, and the Education Teacher Performance Assessment. 5. Stay informed about early childhood education by attending workshops, through networking, and community resources. |
| What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take advantage of the resources the Early Childhood Education department has to offer. 2. Continue taking courses to help me get closer to my degree. 3. Build a strong academic foundation by maintain a solid GPA and build relationships with my professors. 4. Take advantage of any free coances or grants in the department. |

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| | <p>5. Use the BMCC website as a source for information about transferring credit to a 4-year college, research activities, and event that are going on in the department.</p> |
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