

What qualities do you have that will help you be successful working with your chosen age group?	After being a teachers aide in South Africa for 9 months to get more experience and childcare hours before coming to the US as an au pair, I realized that I have a lot confidence with children whereas I have never felt overly confident when it came to dealing with adults. When I am with children, particularly preschool age, I am able to confident and creative with them. I love planning activities, watching children grow from where they once were, singing and dancing with children, and mostly just talking and listening to them. I have a lot of patience and I am rarely get mad or frustrated, I think this will be a good quality in the classroom if something ever goes wrong and I am hold my composure.
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Professional Development Plan

Do you want to be an ECI (infant/toddler) or ECP (preschool) major? Why?	I want to be an Early Childhood Education (ECP) major because I'm passionate about shaping young minds and creating a positive foundation for lifelong learning. I believe that the early years are the most crucial in a child's development, and I want to be part of fostering a nurturing, engaging, and inclusive environment where children feel safe and encouraged to grow. I have worked with children in this age group and feel confident that this will be the right field and ages for me. I find this age group to be particularly fun, curious, and eager to learn.
What skills would you like to develop that will help you be more effective working with that age group?	I would like to develop stronger classroom management skills to ensure a positive and structured learning environment. Additionally, I would like to improve my lesson planning abilities to create not only engaging but also educational activities that will promote development. I would like to develop the skill of communicating with parents and caregivers, knowing when to address a situation and bring it to their attention if need be.
What are your career goals?	My career goals are firstly to gain experience as a teachers assistant/aide in the United States, continue to further my education at Brooklyn College and receive my bachelors degree in ECE. I would then like to socialize in child development. A dream of mine has always been to write and illustrate childrens books. I would like to work on these books throughout my teaching career and publish one or more when the time is right and they are complete.
What steps will you take to achieve those career goals?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete my associates degree at BMCC. 2. Apply to a four year college to further my studies. 3. Search and apply for a job as a teachers aid or do volunteer work at a preschool to gain experience and learn things that I can only learn from doing and not from just learning out of a textbook. 4. Graduate from a four-year college. Continue professional developmeny, constantly learn more about advancements in child psychology, teaching, development, and strategies. 5. Write and work on the books constantly, get advice from the children that I teach and see what kind of books, stories, pictures they like and are drawn to. Network with teachers, childrens book authors, and publishers to get the books published.
What steps will you take at BMCC to help you reach those goals?	1. Talk to my academic advisor and make sure that I am taking the relevant ECE courses and I am working hard and getting the grades that I want. Attending all my classes, interacting and actively learning, doing homework and handing it in on time.

	<p>2. Get involved in BMCC's clubs and organizations that are relevant and then connect with peers, professors, and mentors that can help me achieve my goals.</p> <p>3. Take advantage of internships or volunteer work that BMCC offers.</p> <p>4. BMSS's writing and career development resources. I would use this resource to refine my writing skills for the childrens books and to prepare for my transfer to a four year college.</p> <p>5. Attending clubs, networking events, and workshops that all focus on my goals of teaching, publishing, child psychology and developmeny. Meeting professionals can give me inspiration and guide me in my future career.</p>
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