

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE



“I’ve always dreamed of pursuing a career involving children, and the A.A.S. degree at SUNY Orange allowed me to achieve that vision. The intensive course requirements not only taught me the necessary skills in order to teach young children, but also encouraged my creativity and provided me with the resources to immediately begin teaching upon graduation.”

Gayle Diana

Why Early Childhood Development and Care?

Current research shows that development in the early years is extremely vital. As a professional who works in an early childhood setting, you’ll have opportunities to guide young learners using positive, appropriate methods. In addition to meaningful courses in our developmentally appropriate “hands-on” learning laboratory, you will be involved in more than 200 hours (60 hours in the certificate program) of day-to-day activities in diverse early learning field environments. Career opportunities include:

ECDC A.A.S. Degree Program

- Center director or owner
- Head teacher (non-public settings)
- Family child care provider
- Nanny or au pair

ECDC Certificate

- entry level or aide positions in:
- preschools
 - child care centers
 - nursery schools

Why Early Childhood Development and Care at SUNY Orange?

The Education Department faculty is highly qualified and cares deeply about helping you to become an excellent teacher. Our curriculum blends effective instruction with “hands-on” practical experience through field work in local nursery schools, preschools, and centers. Our Hands-on Learning Lab classroom will allow you to learn using developmentally appropriate instructional materials thereby interweaving the theory and practice. Local agencies seek our graduates for their centers. Begin or further your Early Childhood career at SUNY Orange where excellence is affordable.

TOP 5 REASONS YOU SHOULD STUDY Early Childhood Development and Care AT SUNY ORANGE

- ⇒ Experienced department faculty members, who have taught in early childhood centers and public schools, will enrich course content with first-hand experience.
- ⇒ Meaningful, appropriate and quality instruction is paired with observation in the field to bring curriculum to life.
- ⇒ Developmentally appropriate instructional materials are integrated into classes in our “Hands-on” Learning Laboratory.
- ⇒ On-campus and online department support and resources enhance your academic experience and help prepare you for professional success.
- ⇒ Local agencies want our graduates.



At SUNY Orange, we are passionate about teaching and we are committed to providing a friendly and supportive environment for you. If you are equally passionate about your future, you may want to investigate all that SUNY Orange has to offer.

“If you have the dream, we have the way.”

plied toward an Early Childhood Development and Care A.A.S. degree if you choose to continue your education following completion of the certificate program.