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Child Development
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Academy of Early Childhood Education

The Academy of Education is designed to provide students with a greater understanding of the teaching profession. The Academy of Education provides a wonderful opportunity for high school students to explore the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. Students gain actual teaching experience by interacting with children in a variety of settings. Students study development from birth through early childhood to early adolescence years. Upon completion of this program, students will know Maryland and National teaching standards and certification requirements.

Program Highlights

- Students will gain practical, hands on experience planning lessons and teaching at our on-site preschool.
- Students will gain increased communication skills, management skills, and leadership experience.
- Internships
- 90+9 Clock Hours Certification upon course completion
- Articulated Credit (up to 9 credits) at Montgomery College



Coursework

Child Development 1

In this introductory course, students become part of an education team that has direct interaction with 4-year-olds in a lab school setting. After a rigorous training period, students become part of a team of teachers responsible for the day-to-day workings of a lab school.

Child Development 2

Students will learn to be reflective practitioners using research-based methods of teaching and working with children. Students will analyze data, interpret and apply educational theories, use technology as a teaching tool, and apply developmentally appropriate teaching practices in classroom and field experiences. As they assume increased responsibilities for program management, students will develop and implement age-appropriate learning experiences for preschoolers.

Internship

Students gain practical, field based experience with mentor teachers and other professionals in educational settings. Students explore postsecondary education and career options, prepare for the interview process, and complete a professional portfolio.

Guided Research

This course provides an opportunity for Education, Training, and Child Studies students to complete a structured research project to advance their knowledge and skills in career areas related to this cluster.

Dual Enrollment

Students can complete an Early Child Development program by dual enrolling in a college education course.