# Nassau Community College



# CHILDCARE WORKER PROGRAM

Interested in entering the early childhood profession, a growing field of great opportunity and also looking for a career pathway, and to learn how to be an effective teacher of young children, then a childcare worker may be the right career path for you.

Childcare Workers (CCW) are direct care educators who provide services in childcare settings and school-based programs. These professionals have the role in supporting other professionals, including teacher assistants, teachers, and caregivers, in attending to children's needs while helping to foster early childhood development.

Childcare Workers (CCW) facilitate daily routines with focus to supervise and monitor the safety of children, prepare and organize mealtimes and snacks for children, help children practice good hygiene, and change the diapers of infants and toddlers. CCWs also organize activities or implement a curriculum that allows children to learn about the world and explore their interests; develop schedules and routines to ensure that children have enough physical activity, rest, and playtime; observe for signs of emotional or developmental problems in children, and bring potential concerns to the attention of others. Record keeping of children's progress, routines, and interests is an important task.

### What is a Childcare Worker?

"Educators provide critical services to our community. They are brain builders, providing care and education that supports children's learning and development during the period when brain development is most sensitive. Their service allows other workers to do their jobs."

Center for the Study of Childcare Employment - University of California, Berkeley, cscce.berkeley.edu. (Workforce Index 2020)

## **Program Information:**

**Date:** January, 2024 – December, 2024 Full year on - campus program with 144 hours of training. Students must also complete an Apprenticeship.

#### Schedule:

CE1 403 B1, Wednesday, 10:00am – 3:30pm, and Saturday, 10:00am – 3:30pm CE1 403 B2, Wednesday, 4:30pm – 9:30pm, and Saturday, 10:00am – 3:30pm

Topics Include: In-Person

- Health safety and nutrition
- Foundations of child development and theories
- Early education learning environments
- Curriculum and learning activities
- Child planning and assessment of learning
- Early childhood professionals, communities and families

All supplies and books are included.

**Fee:** \$3,600

## **Minimum Requirements:**

- Interest in early education and human development related work
- High school diploma/GED
- 18 years of age
- Ability to pass a background check with clearance to work with children and families
- A valid NYS driver's license
- Additional items might be required based on the apprenticeship

#### Outcome:

At the end of the course, the student will qualify to take the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification exam.

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# Take a step toward broader career opportunities, higher wages a rewarding care with children and self-sufficiency!

Learn about the Childcare Worker Program at Nassau Community College. For more information and to RSVP, email cwd@ncc.edu

# Is the childcare worker program right for me?

Childcare workers usually work with a team of individuals, parents, children, teachers, assistant teachers, directors, early interventions specialists, and other childcare professionals. Positions can be full time or part time; irregular hours are common.

Childcare workers can work in

- Childcare centers
- Own home
- Private households
- Family childcare locations
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Independent arrangements

This program will provide you with work progression to assist in reaching goals and qualifications, while preparing you for employment and occupational mobility.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual wage for Childcare Workers in New York State is \$16.92 per hour and \$35,190 annually.

With increased education, childcare workers can advance to become Teaching Assistants (TA), and with further educational qualifications, they can aspire to become Teachers.

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