

## **Early Childhood Mission Statement**

The Early Childhood Education Certificate Program at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College prepares education candidates for employment as well as moving to advanced degree programs. This is accomplished by connecting policy, practice, and research in the education field setting.

## **Early Childhood Certificate Program Outcomes**

### **The student will:**

1. Utilize knowledge of child development to support and nurture children in their learning environments.
2. Demonstrate respectful interactions with children and families of various cultures and beliefs that are accepting and welcoming.
3. Apply critical thinking in their development projects for assessment and documentation to support the child's development and learning.
4. Utilize developmentally appropriate strategies to enhance child development and learning.
5. Demonstrate professionalism through adherence to the ethical and professional standards of the early childhood education profession.
6. Create a curriculum for young children based on knowledge of academic subject areas.

These outcomes are aligned with the National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards for Early Childhood Professional Preparation.