

# ONONDAGA-CORTLAND-MADISON BOCES Career & Technical Education

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

at Cortland Community Head Start

The Early Childhood Education program is offered to students who want to pursue a career working with young children. Students learn about the characteristics, needs and behaviors of three- and four-year olds and study best practices on how to guide and teach them in a nursery school setting. Each high school student in the program is provided the opportunity to participate in all phases of operating the preschool. Students are responsible for the planning, preparation and presentation of activities for young children functioning as student teachers under the supervision of a certified teacher. Students are provided with embedded internship experiences and the opportunity to earn a Career and Technical Endorsement on their diploma by successfully passing an industry-standard technical assessment.

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Child development
- Psychology
- Preschool developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Lesson planning, preparation and implementation
- Instructional presentation styles & techniques
- Nutrition & snack preparation
- Supervision and guidance of young children
- Child health & safety
- Meeting the individual needs of children
- First aid & infant/child CPR & AED

### AVAILABLE ACADEMIC CREDITS

- 3 CTE per year
- 1 science or math per year
- 6 college credits at Tompkins Cortland Community College

### CONTINUING EDUCATION PARTNERS

- Onondaga Community College
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Oswego
- Tompkins Cortland Community College
- SUNY Canton

### CERTIFICATIONS

- First Aid & infant/child CPR & AED



### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Childcare worker
- Teaching assistant/aide\*
- Preschool teacher\*
- Elementary education teacher\*
- Special education teacher\*
- Nursery school director\*
- Family services worker\*
- Social services coordinator\*
- Parent educator\*



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\* Advanced employment: Additional training may be necessary

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Early Childhood Education program, see your high school guidance counselor or call our OCM BOCES guidance counselors at:

McEvoy Campus (Cortland): 1710 NYS Route 13 (607) 758-5260

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