Child Care Career and Professional Development Program…

At a Glance

Requirements

- At least one year of Child Care experience (Submit copy of current registration certificate).
- Letter from Center indicating hire date, position, number and hours per week, child age group.
- Participation in the Maryland Child Care Credential Program (copy of current Maryland Child Care Credential Certificate).
- College enrollment toward a degree in Early Childhood Education or related field.
- Letter or other documentation of acceptance from a college located in Maryland.
- Statement from college of costs associated with enrollment (tuition, fees, and books. (See Advisors)
- A copy of college transcripts for any courses already completed. (Advisors)
- Professional Development plan including college enrollment information, plan for degree completion and timeline.
The Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund

What is it?

An opportunity made possible by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) to support the professionalism of those who currently work with young children in licensed day care centers or as a registered family provider and wish to pursue course work requirements for the following degree programs:

- Early Childhood Education Licensure (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- Elementary Education Licensure (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- Child Care Leadership - BA degree
- Master of Arts in Education degree

What are the requirements for acceptance into the program?

- Participation in the Maryland Child Care Credentialing Program
- At least one year of Child Care experience.
- College enrollment toward a degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field

What is credentialing?

- A Maryland Child Care Credential is a voluntary program, all regulated family care providers and child care center staff are eligible and encouraged to participate. (see MSDE website)

Where do I begin?

- Apply for admission to your degree program if you are not currently an admitted student in the Early Childhood Program. To apply, please follow the procedures for undergraduate or graduate admission to UMBC. (www.umbc.edu).

- Once you are admitted you will be assigned an academic advisor

Your advisors are:

Dr. Mary Rivkin, rivkin@umbc.edu
Dr. P. Scully, Patricia.Scully@umbc.edu
Dr. Betty W. King, bking@umbc.edu
Grant Coordinator

- When you have been approved for the CCCPDF by MSDE, you must provide a copy of your approval letter to your advisor.

- Please follow MSDE procedures for funding of tuition and fees. Your advisors will arrange for the purchase of books needed for your courses. Should you withdraw from a course after the "Drop/Add" period, you will be responsible for the tuition, fees and books for that course.

- Additional detailed information about applying for CCCPDF funding for your degree program at UMBC is located at MSDE web site on the Credentialing Branch page (MSDE Home>Divisions>Early Childhood Development>Credentialing, scroll down to CCCPDF)