

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Early Childhood Education

I. Purpose

Central Bucks School District (CBSD) and Bucks County Community College (BCCC) agree to collaborate in the planning, execution, and evaluation of a program in the area of Education. The objective of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop a knowledge and skill base, complete course work, and earn college credit toward an Associate of Arts degree with a major in Early Childhood Education.

II. Program Specifications

A. Credits Earned - The BCCC course which corresponds to the competencies achieved while completing the course Human Behavior and Development I: Child Development at CBSD is titled as follows:

EDUC115 Observing and Recording the Behavior of Young Children 3 credits

B. Application for Credit - To receive college credit the student shall do or cause to be done the following:

1. Complete all of the requirements of the course Human Behavior and Development I: Child Development with an A or B+ average.
2. Be a high school graduate.
3. Follow regular College admissions procedures, and, in addition, request from his/her high school an official copy of his/her competencies sheet to be sent to the College Admissions Office.
4. Request (in writing) that the Assistant Academic Dean of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the College evaluate his/her competency forms for possible college credit under the terms of this partnership agreement.
5. Students must be enrolled in an Early Childhood Education related program of study at BCCC for the semester in which the credit is granted. These credits become part of the student's official transcript once the student is officially accepted by the College.

III. Operational Considerations

A. BCCC and CBSD mutually shall be in agreement to the following:

1. BCCC and CBSD are committed to providing equal educational opportunities. This encompasses persons in legally protected classifications and others in regard to race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, age, and religion as well as disabled and military veterans. Each party will be responsible for its own compliance with the discrimination laws.

B. Bucks County Community College agrees to the following:

1. The Assistant Academic Dean of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences will recommend to the Dean of Academic and Curricular Services the course(s) for which credit shall be granted.
2. After making the decision, the Dean of Academic and Curricular Services will advise the Assistant Academic Dean of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department as to the number of credits the student will receive under this agreement.
3. High School competency forms will be considered valid for two years after the student's high school graduation. Competency forms may be considered valid for up to four years from date of graduation if the applicant can document military experience or related work experience which occurred subsequent to the date of high school graduation.

C. Central Bucks School District agrees to the following:

1. Students will be made aware of the basis of availability of the partnership program for future college credit.
2. Submit a list of students recommended for consideration in this program annually.
3. Transcripts and competencies will be dated and signed by the respective CBSD officials.
4. CBSD will maintain and, on request of students, send official copies of transcripts/competencies to BCCC.